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CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNS:  
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# Most hated man in Germany is Premier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—Political events in England reached their climax to-day when, following the announcement that Germany had invaded the Lowland countries, Mr. Neville Chamberlain resigned the Premiership of England.

He is succeeded by Mr. Winston Churchill, the most hated man in Germany.

Mr. Churchill immediately invited the Ministers already holding portfolios to remain in office for the time being.

Earlier, it was reliably reported that Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Opposition Liberals, told Mr. Chamberlain that he would join the Government only if the Labour Party participated, and that he was included as a member of the War Cabinet.

## ATTACK ON BRITAIN IS OBJECTIVE

What Nazi Success In Lowlands Means

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—The German invasion of the low countries appears to be designed to pave the way for an air and sea campaign against Britain regarding which Mr. Chamberlain gave a warning in the House of Commons.

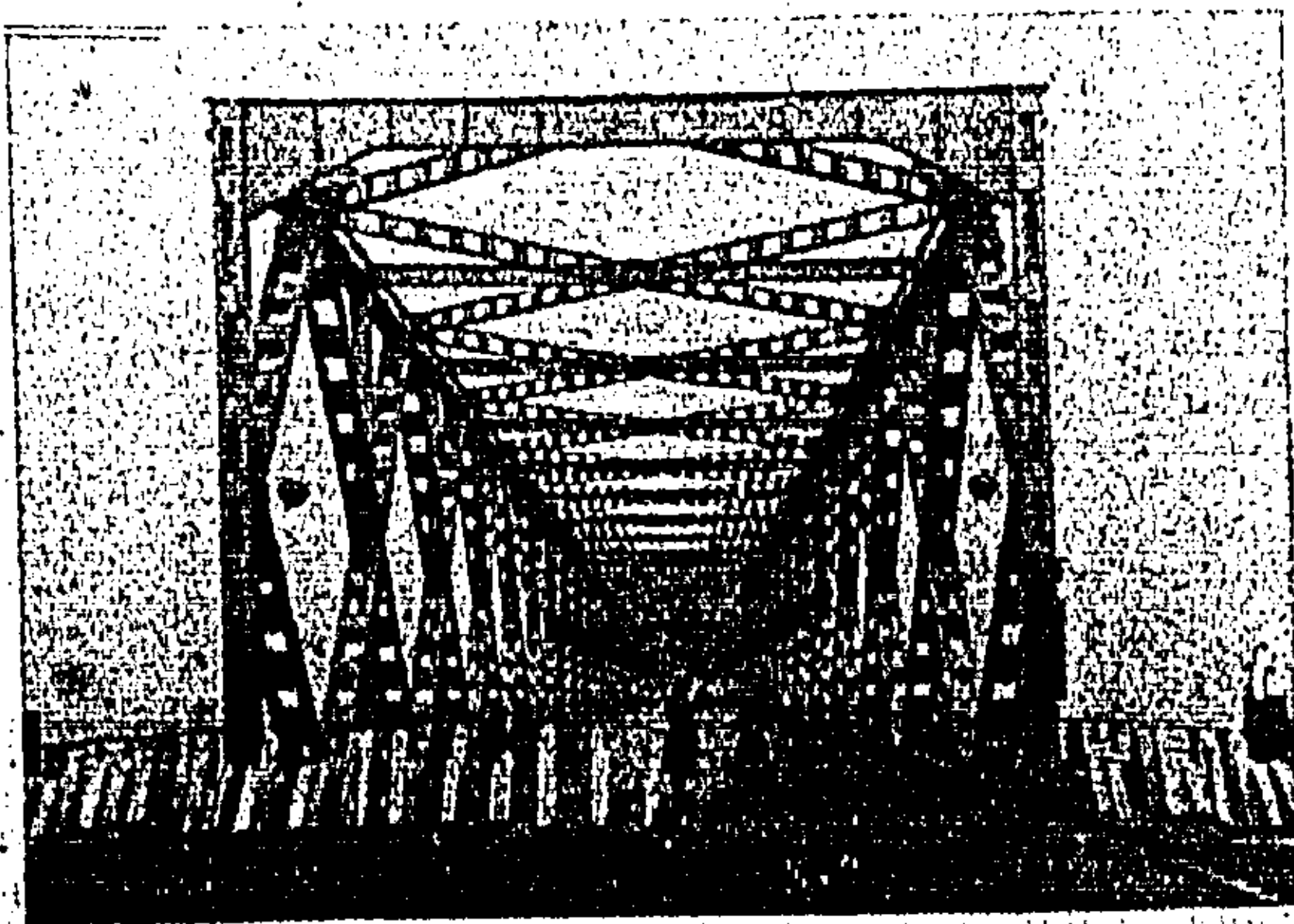
If the Germans get the Belgian and Dutch aerodromes, they are in some places only 125 miles from the British coast.

A successful German invasion would also give Hitler bases for the fleet and small submarines reported to be building. The submarines would be used to blockade the British east coast.

While the invasion is thus believed to be aimed primarily against Britain, Hitler also can threaten to invade France by a broad turning movement like in 1914.

## War Risk Rates Doubled

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The underwriters have doubled the existing insurance rates of ships sailing to Belgium and Holland. For ships sailing through the Mediterranean or Black Sea the rate has been increased to 100 per cent. from 50 per cent.



The bridge over the Hollandsch Diep mouth of the Rhine, which has been blown up by the Dutch. Note tank barriers.

PREMIER



MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

EX-PREMIER



MR. CHAMBERLAIN

## BELGIUM PREPARED

Optimistic Speech By Premier

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—"The invasion has not found us unprepared," declared the Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, in a statement to-day.

"For the second time in 25 years, Germany has shown how much respect she attaches to her own signature."

"At our first appeal, France and Britain offered us their help. 'All Belgians, particularly veterans of the last war, pay homage to the valiant Belgian Army.'"

Chamber Cheers  
"The whole country must be united."

This statement was made to the Chamber of Deputies. The entire Chamber rose and cheered when M. Spak, who followed with another statement, said that Britain and France had replied immediately to Belgium's request for help.

When M. Spak turned towards the Diplomatic Gallery, where the British and French Ambassadors were sitting, the cheers were redoubled.

Full Powers Given  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Belgian wireless reports that the Belgian Chamber of Deputies has approved by 154 votes to one the full powers demanded by the Government.

Before the voting, the Defence Minister, General Denis, stated that the German bombings of Belgian aerodromes were not successful as Belgian planes had been taken from the aerodromes several hours before the attacks were launched.

Only one or two Belgian planes were destroyed and several others were damaged.

The Defence Minister stated that the German advance was checked at all points. All defence preparations were now working perfectly and the first hours of the war justified every hope of the Dutch people that the war would be successfully prosecuted.

LONDON Broadcast  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Belgian Ambassador and the Dutch Minister spoke over the B.B.C. to-night.

They referred in scathing terms to the violation of the neutrality of their countries and expressed the absolute

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B.E.F. Enroute To Holland As—

# LOWLANDS RESIST AIR BLITZKRIEG

By H. C. BURMAN

(UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

THE HAGUE, MAY 10 (UP).—IT IS REPORTED THAT A BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IS EN ROUTE TO HOLLAND.

Planes have continued to fly over The Hague all afternoon, resulting in repeated air raid warnings, sometimes lasting as long as 45 minutes.

I spent most of my time going in and out of air raid shelters. I could hear nearby and distant firing and occasionally distant explosions like bombs as the Germans apparently aimed at nearby military points.

## RADIO WARNING

General Military Headquarters has issued a communique stating: "Hollanders! Mistrust all radio announcements and handbills mentioning suspension of our resistance, of negotiations with the aggressor, or of aid from the German side against attack from the Allies' side. Never will the High Command or the Government enter into negotiations with the enemy."

"Although sounding credible and official, they were only despatched from the enemy. Believe only in broadcasters' voices which are known to you, stiffening you in your resistance against the enemy, and in handbills calling for struggle. Never will the High Command or the Government enter negotiations with the enemy. All reports to the contrary are false and only serve to cause confusion."

## AERODROME ABLAZE

A heavy military guard was thrown around Schiphol aerodrome after the first of two bomb attacks. Civilians, when leaving nearby, crowded the outskirts of the airport.

The Heinkels dropped at least 30 heavy calibre bombs. Three columns of smoke are visible. It is believed that the damage is very heavy.

It is stated without confirmation that Messerschmidts landed at Schiphol but it cannot be ascertained whether they were brought down. At least two Dutch planes were fired and destroyed on the ground during the bombing.

## Fine Resistance

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter).—

The Dutch Minister, broadcasting, stated: "Our land and air forces have met the enemy and have brought down several enemy planes."

He added that the parachute landings had been rendered ineffective. The carrying of gas masks was again necessary and the public should acquaint themselves with the position of shelters and first aid posts.

Householders were recommended to overhaul their domestic preparations against air attacks.

## 70 Nazi Planes Downed

THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuter).—

A second communique issued by the Army says that at least 70 German planes were shot down.

Dutch troops are offering strong resistance on the Yssel and the Meuse. Four German armoured trains have been successfully attacked. One of these was blown up at Venlo.

Small German concentrations in various parts of the country attempted to maintain themselves against strong opposition.

It is reported that the Germans are using Dutch prisoners as shields.

## How It Started

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (Reuter).—

"Reuter's" special correspondent says that the first news of the attack came half an hour after midnight when it became known that telephone as well as telegraph communications were interrupted.

At 2.45 a.m. residents were awakened by heavy A.A. fire. Looking from the windows, the people saw a single German bomber flying high, brilliantly illuminated by a dozen searchlights. Shells flashed around it but it disappeared out of range.

## Firing All Night

Afterwards the shooting continued all night.

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## NAZI BOMBERS TAKE TOLL

French Casualties Said To Be High

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—

Reports from the British Embassy in Paris show that casualties have been suffered at most of those French towns which have already been bombed.

At the garrison in Nancy, about 16 have been killed and 30 injured, most of them being civilians.

Paris has been raided and there was intense anti-aircraft fire. There were some casualties from shrapnel but no bombs were dropped, according to the latest reports received.

## Landing at Hague

Reports reaching authoritative military circles in London state that about 200 parachutists in British uniforms have landed at the airport of Hague.

Others in Dutch uniforms descended at Dordrecht.

It is also reported that the aerodrome at Calais and some of the aerodromes occupied by the R.A.F. in Northern France have been bombed.

It is also stated that the Dutch Frisian Islands have been bombed and that parachutists have landed there.

## Not Military Objectives

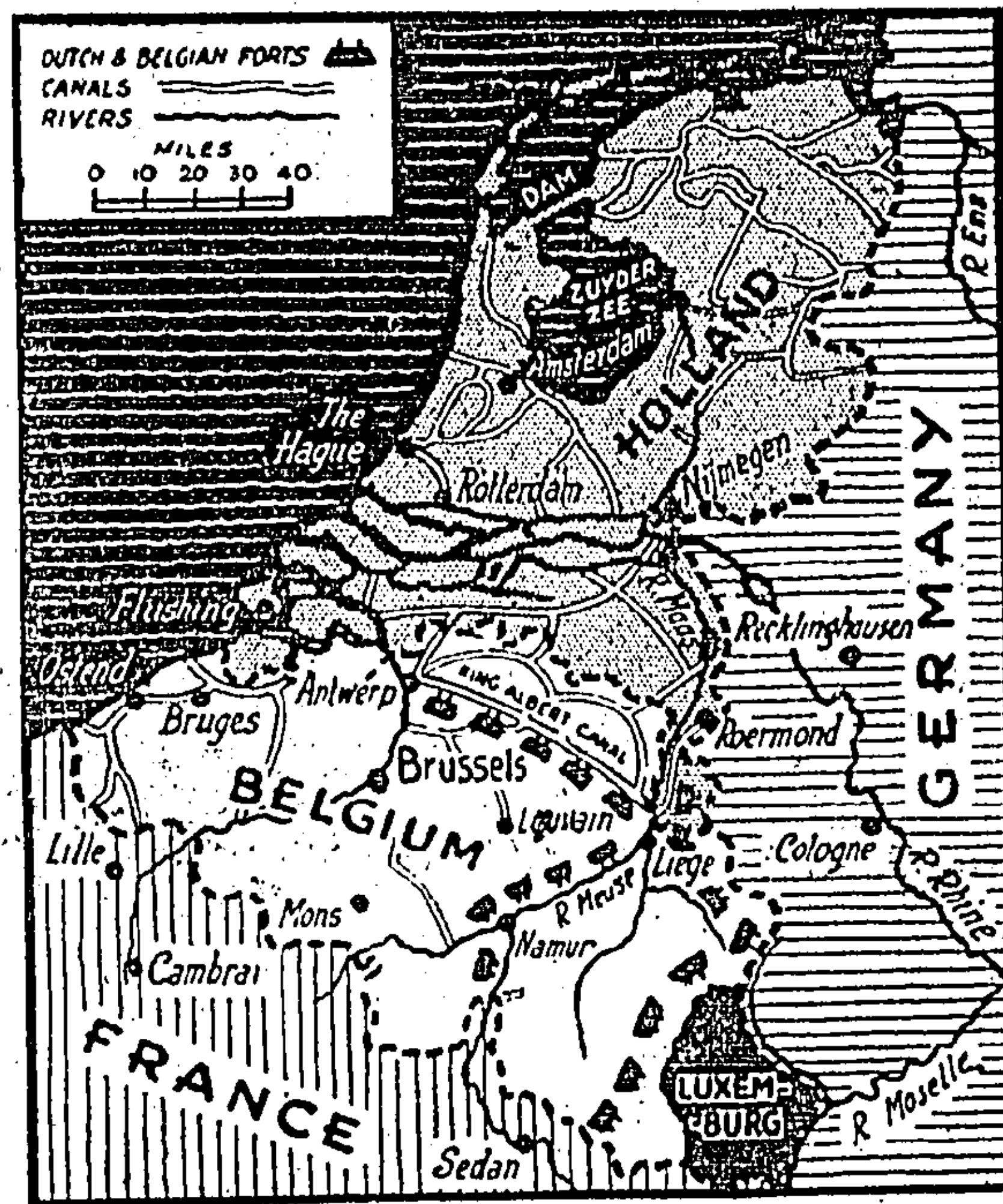
It is understood that as far as can be ascertained, the places which have been bombed in Northern France can be regarded—though in some cases by some stretch of imagination—as military objectives.

The Dutch and Belgian armies are understood to comprise of half a million men each.

The Dutch armies have blown up bridges on the Meuse.

Big Losses in Brussels  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively learned here that 37

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# PLUCKY BELGIUM MEETS INVADERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 10 (UP).—All officers' leaves have been suspended and they have been asked to rejoin their posts immediately.

It is announced that a pre-arranged plan, put into effect on the Belgian frontier, means that the Allied armies have responded immediately to Belgium's appeal for aid. The plan is very secret, but it is known that mobile armies can effectively give aid alongside the Belgians within 1 1/2 hours.

Belgian defence is obviously based on the Meuse-Albert Canal.

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—The Belgian Army is rounding up little units of parachutists.

Planes Over Brussels  
Numerous squadrons of aircraft were attacked in Belgium. Several German planes have been brought down.

The number of casualties in the area is small. Numerous enemy planes have flown over Ghent since 5.30 a.m.

A.A. guns opened vigorous fire. As a result of aerial bombardment, a mental hospital at Mortsel is on fire.

BRUSSELS, May 10 (UP).—Numerous foreign planes have flown over the City of Brussels and most of the country. Very heavy anti-aircraft fire is occurring.

Belgians Fight Hard  
BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—A communique issued by the Ministry of National Defence states that at least eight, or probably nine, German planes have been shot down by Belgian fighters and anti-aircraft defences.

General Mobilisation  
BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—General mobilisation has been ordered in Belgium as from 5.30 a.m.

SPAIN TO STAY NEUTRAL  
PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—It is stated in authoritative circles that assurances were recently received that Spain intends to remain neutral.

Narrow Escape For Two Ministers  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Dutch Ministers for the Colonies and Foreign Affairs were among the passengers aboard a large Dutch naval seaplane which came down on the sea off Brighton owing to a shortage of petrol.

Passengers, including an attaché from the British Embassy in Holland, were taken to Brighton Town Hall under a Police escort.

Because of a leakage in one of the floats caused by a shot while passing over Belgium, the pilot decided to land before reaching Shoreham. The Ministers made the journey to London by train and will see Lord Halifax to-day.

## LATEST PARACHUTE LANDING WARNING

LONDON, MAY 10 (UP).—THE HOME OFFICE HAS ISSUED A WARNING THAT "EVERYONE SHOULD BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TROOPS LANDING BY PARACHUTES IN BRITAIN."

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# Sir Nevile Henderson—Conclusion

## EVE OF WAR DISCLOSURES

●To-day Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin until the outbreak of war, describes the reactions of the German people at the beginning of September, 1939 . . . the silent crowds . . .

THE drama had reached its inevitable climax and, on the declaration of war at 11 that Sunday morning, September 3, the curtain fell for the last time.

After returning from my interview with Ribbentrop at mid-day, I did not leave the Embassy again, until Mr. Kirk, of the United States Embassy, rendered me one last service by driving me in his own car to the station the next morning.

Up to those last twenty-four hours I had gone about freely in the streets of Berlin, either on foot or in my motor with its British flag.

### Germans were horror-struck

I am glad to take this opportunity to bear witness to the fact that throughout those anxious weeks and up to the very end, when we crossed the German frontier, neither I nor any member of my staff were subjected at any time to any discourtesy or even a single gesture of hostility.

It was a very different eve of war to that of August, 1914. Then a howling mob had surged in front of the Embassy, broken its windows and hurled abuse at its inmates and at Great Britain.

My impression was that the mass of the German people, that other Germany, were horror-struck at the whole idea of the war which was being thrust upon them.

It is true that I could only judge of Berlin itself, and that I was not in a position to witness the reaction of German youth or of the soldiers in the troop trains which were leaving for the Polish front.

It is true also that the trial black-outs, the bread cards and the strict system of rationing, which was already in force, were not exactly cheerful beginnings to a war.

But what I can say is that the whole general atmosphere in Berlin itself was one of utter gloom and depression.

In order to see for myself the mood of the people after the attack on Poland, I went that last Saturday afternoon for a walk down Unter den Linden, the main street of Berlin. Few people were about and everyone seemed completely apathetic.



Sir Nevile Henderson arriving back in England a few days after the outbreak of war.

About a hundred yards from the door there was always a policeman on point duty where the Wilhelmstrasse crosses Unter den Linden.

At that particular corner the policeman, who was not a member of Himmler's Gestapo but mostly old soldiers of the municipal police force, used generally to salute me when I passed.

That morning, when he saw me coming, he carefully turned his head the other way and pretended to be preoccupied with the traffic coming in the other direction. He naturally could not salute me and at the same time he did not wish to ignore me. He bore no ill-will to a man who, he knew, had striven to the last for peace.

When we left in a body from the Embassy, where the whole remaining staff, thirty men, seven women and two dogs, had been concentrated, on the Monday morning, a small crowd gathered outside and watched our luggage being put on to military lorries.

It was an absolutely silent crowd and if there was hatred or hostility in their hearts, they gave no single sign of it.

There were doubtless a number of Gestapo agents among them in plain clothes, and yet the people were speechless, when a little vocal abuse of the "en-circled" and "war-mongers" would probably have been gratifying to their masters.

The impression persisted right through Germany. In 1914 the blinds of the trains provided for the British and French missions had had to be kept drawn throughout the journey.

### Hitler's youths the firebrands

This time they were drawn on one or two occasions, when we stopped for a while at the larger stations, such as Hanover; but, as the conductor apologetically said, it was merely to save me from being inconvenienced by the curiosity of idle spectators.

The older man in the street in Germany was stunned with horror at the idea of war.

But as one of them had said to me: "The others are too strong. What can we do? We are too small. We can do nothing."

German youth may have been enthusiastic, but age certainly was not.

### Hold-up on the frontier

The French Embassy, headed by Couloudre, had left Berlin at night on the Monday morning, about midnight, and had taken the same route via Holland.

Up to within a few miles of the Dutch frontier, the arrangements made for our departure went without a hitch.

But when we reached the small station of Rheine, on the Monday evening, we were suddenly informed that we were to be held up there pending further orders.

Some difficulty had apparently arisen over the journey of the German Embassy from Paris; and the French mission in front of us was consequently not being allowed to cross the German frontier until the train with the German Embassy from Paris should also be safe in neutral territory.

That was, I believe, the origin of the trouble and thanks to German suspicions and their mania for reciprocity, we were similarly detained, until the steamship with the German Embassy from London on board should arrive in Dutch territorial waters.

We remained, therefore, at Rheine from the Monday evening till about half-past one on the Tuesday afternoon. There was no discomfort or discourtesy about it, as there was fortunately a restaurant car attached to our train.

### Officials held as hostages

We stayed in a siding, apart from the curious, and as I had brought some bridge cards with me, we were able to while away the time.

But the incident had one very unfortunate sequel. It gave the German Government an excuse for retaining a number of our Consul officials as hostages in Germany until all the German Consul officials from British territory all over the world had safely returned to their own country.

It was not till Christmas that these British officials were finally allowed to depart. For us, however, it was at Rheine that we learnt from the German papers that the British Air Force had raided Wilhelmshaven and that the first landfalls had been dropped in Germany, some of them not far from

where we were sitting in our siding. Ultimately we crossed the German frontier at about two p.m. on Tuesday and arrived at Rotterdam at seven p.m.

All that remained to be done was to find a neutral steamer to take us to England. It was not so easy as it sounded, but eventually arrangements were made for us to travel by the Dutchess Batavier V, which was leaving Rotterdam for London at dawn on Thursday.

### Welcome sight of warships

We embarked the night before. When we went on deck the next morning we were provided with the exhilarating spectacle of three British destroyers, on each side and in front of us.

They had been detailed to escort us back home, and had met our ship as soon as it got outside Dutch waters.

Every member of our party was affected, as I was, by the sight of these silent but blessed British warships.

Throughout that beautiful sunny autumn day they remained in that formation, though one or other would at intervals abruptly get up the blue to investigate, maybe into some other vessel or maybe some suspicious sound recorded on its submarine detector.

But the only real excitement came when we were unfortunately all below at lunch-time. Then all of a sudden the Batavier V was shaken from stem to stern by the explosion of three depth charges.

They had been dropped by the leading destroyer, and quite three miles from our ship.

What had really happened, we were never to know. The destroyer returned to its station and we at once wireless, asking "What luck?"

The only answer we got was "Your message received." The Admiralty instructions were to give nothing away.

I, nevertheless, told my staff that if the Customs authorities on arrival asked us if we had anything to declare the only reply to give was "One German U-boat."

We landed about seven p.m. Shortly after eight p.m. on Thursday, September 7, we reached Victoria station.

It had taken us three days and eight hours to get from Berlin to London.

My mission to Berlin had terminated and the failure was complete.

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### East Indies Shock

#### Germans Arrested When Ignorant Of War

Singapore, May 10. The Straits Times states: "An announcement of the invasion of Holland was broadcast by Batavia transmitters in the Netherlands Indies. The Government issued a proclamation that war between Holland and Germany had been declared and announced that German males over 16 would be interned forthwith."—United Press.

### Taken By Surprise

Singapore, May 10. The Batavia correspondent of the Straits Times states that all the Germans in Batavia have been arrested. The majority, working in offices, were taken unawares.—United Press.

### Nazi Ships Seized

Manila, May 10. Dutch circles say that the East Indies Government has seized 100,000 tons of loaded German shipping which has been seeking to escape the British blockade to Vladivostok.—United Press.

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### A Look Through The "Telegraph"

**50 Years Ago**  
May 11, 1890.  
The German Parliament has in its opening speech by the Emperor, who in his speech said any displacing of the balance of power would endanger the equilibrium of the world. The Emperor announced the policy of the Military, and the measures for the protection of the workmen.

Trials of the latest express compound locomotive in England with a special train of 18 carriages developed the unparalleled speed of about 50 miles an hour. The highest speed, as measured by a stop watch, was just over ten seconds per quarter mile run.

It is stated that English women are now purchasing men's saddles for their own use. A London saddle, and a woman's cravat, are so short that she cannot possibly look graceful while sitting straddle-wise.

We read that Lord Roseberry has secured the original drawing of the cartoon in "Punch" of the other week, "Dropping the Bomb," which is a significant title, the principal figure being that of the German Chancellor, who is the Emperor of State, over whose shoulders the Emperor watched his departure. Prince Bismarck, writing to an old friend, Lord Londonderry, says of the picture, "it is indeed a fine one."

**25 Years Ago**  
May 11, 1915.  
The Cunard s.s. Co. Ltd. announce that the Lusitania was travelling at the rate of 15 knots, when she was torpedoed. They also announce that she averaged 21 knots since November last and 22 during the last voyage.

At the inquest held at Queenstown, the jury, in returning their verdict, said that this was an appalling crime and that the conventions of all civilization, "We charge the officers of the submarine, the Kaiser, and the German Government with the crime of wilful and wholesale murder."

The Liverpool Exchange has passed a resolution excluding Germans and Austrians, even though naturalised. There is a strong anti-German feeling in the city. The Exchange and Mark Lane opened with the National Anthem and the German flag was hoisted with those of German extraction. The committees have requested such persons not to attend until further notice.

Following is the latest official information regarding the loss of the Lusitania:—She was torpedoed by German submarines on the 7th of May, 1915, off the coast of Ireland. The ship was carrying 1,959 passengers and crew, and 163 survivors were rescued. The ship was carrying 10,000 tons of munitions and 100,000 lbs. of explosives. Only a few of the first class passengers were saved. The ship sank in from 15 to 20 minutes, and it is reported that the survivors were struck by two torpedoes. The Cunard Agents give 2,160 as the total number on board.

In the 45 round prize fight to-day for the Heavyweight Championship of the World, Jack Johnson, the black, defeated Champion, was beaten in the 20th round by Jesse Willard, the white cowboy boxer.

**10 Years Ago**  
May 11, 1930.  
The New Governor of Hongkong, H.E. Sir William Peel, K.C.B.E., arrived in the Colony this morning with Lady Peel.

Viscount Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, opened a debate in the House of Lords upon the Naval Treaty resulting from the London Naval Conference. Viscount Bridgeman submitted that the Government had made a great sacrifice in going to the conference, which had been agreed to be our requirement and essential for the protection of our imperial trade. It was agreed that the treaty was a step towards disarmament. What country besides our own, has made a step towards disarmament, he asked.

Lord Parmoor, replying for the Government, described the reduction as a debt of honour undertaken by the British Government. He thought other nations were in the same position, but it was wrong to argue that because another nation did not do what it should that we should not do so.

**5 Years Ago**  
May 11, 1935.  
Great Britain is rushing construction of aircraft ordered to bring her fighting forces up to a level with those of the world. At the same time she is making extraordinary precautions in the matter of preparing the public for a possible emergency arising out of attack by an air fleet.

A nation wide scheme for making the people of the British Isles conscious of the danger from air raids by an enemy war fleet as part of a comprehensive plan for the protection of the population in the event of another conflagration in Europe, is understood to be in process of preparation.

### "ORDERS ARE ORDERS"

Rehearsals for this production are going ahead with great enthusiasm by the entire cast and the producer, Mr. Cecil Houghton, is quite confident that he will give his patrons a thoroughly enjoyable show at the Kowloon Cricket Club, on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25.

It will be the first time that the enlarged stage at the club has had to accommodate such a large number of performers. The cast includes the following who are well known for their histrionic ability:—Janie Weller, Doris Blair, Peggy Stone-man, Betty Sharp, Violet Trimmer, Willie Robertson, R. T. Burch, Willie Simpson, Vic Labrum, Bob Leigh, Billy Colledge, G. G. Davies, Ernest Perry, W. E. Kirby, Peter Wilson and Walter Western.

It is hoped that the funds of the Overseas League Tobacco Fund will greatly benefit from the proceeds of these performances.

### ITALIANS MASSING

#### Troops Concentrating On French Frontier

Buenos Aires, May 10. An intercepted radio message from Madrid states that the British authorities have closed the Straits of Gibraltar, and Italy is massing troops on the French frontier.—Reuter Bulletin.

### No Special Measures

New York, May 10. A correspondent's reports from Rome that Italian officials are unaware of the invasion of Holland. No special military measures beyond those made recently could be detected in Italy.—United Press.



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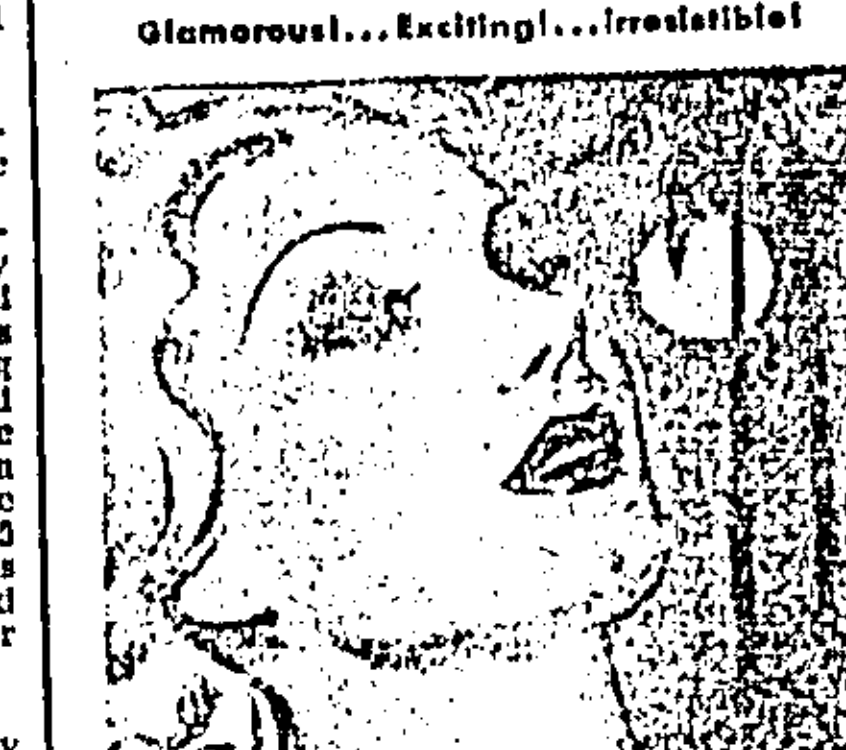
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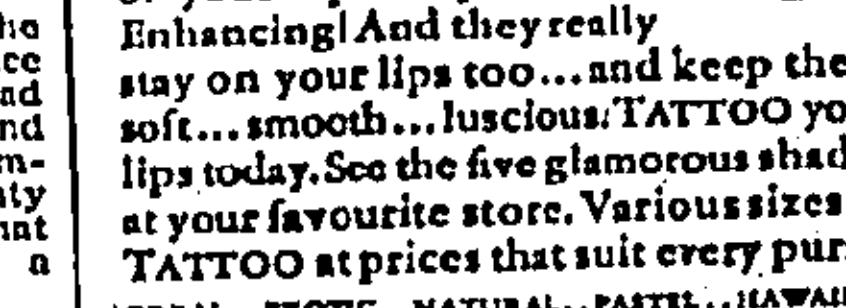


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## 'Failure of a Mission'

PRINTERS are now busy producing many thousand copies of a book that has become one of the greatest best-sellers of recent years.

It is Sir Nevile Henderson's full story of his two years as British Ambassador in Berlin—the gripping narrative from which was taken the exclusive series of long extracts which ends on this page to-day.

Called "Failure of a Mission," the book commands world attention not only for its historic revelations and the position of its writer, but for the many fascinating insights it gives into the strange, dark minds of the Nazi leaders.

It is, in fact, the answer to Hitler's "Mein Kampf." It records Sir Nevile Henderson's struggle against Hitler's will to war.

He wrote it because he wanted the world to know the whole truth of events in Berlin in the years when Germany was being transformed into a vast armed camp, ready for conquest.

He decided that all proceeds from the British and Empire War Refugees Fund should be devoted to helping British refugees from Germany.

### Book Will Aid Hitler's British Victims

As he describes in the article which heads this page, he himself returned to England at the outbreak of war with comparative ease.

Many other Britons in Germany were less fortunate. Those who managed to escape in the nick of time had to make their way home by devious routes.

They were allowed to take over the frontier hardly any personal belongings and only ten marks in money.

Numbers of them, having been detained for years in Germany, landed here penniless and friendless.

Some of their children could not even speak English.

Sir Nevile formed an organisation to help these British victims of the Nazi war-lords.

Viscount Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, became the president. Lady Iveagh lent her town house as headquarters.

Already hundreds of people have been helped.

The proceeds from Sir Nevile's book will enable much more good work to be done.

And so the book that authoritatively exposes the plots of the Nazi leaders will serve to help the first British victims of those plots.

As an epilogue to our exclusive series of extracts from this historic narrative, we print here Sir Nevile's concluding paragraphs:—

"Above all, we have got to be just as true to, and as insistent on, our moral principles and standpoints in the blessed hour when peace came again, as we were when the war began."

"We must end the war in such a way that there shall be no hatreds left between the peoples of either side, and that the only grievance that Germany will feel shall be against the ambitious and military aggressiveness of the leaders and system which led her a second time to defeat."

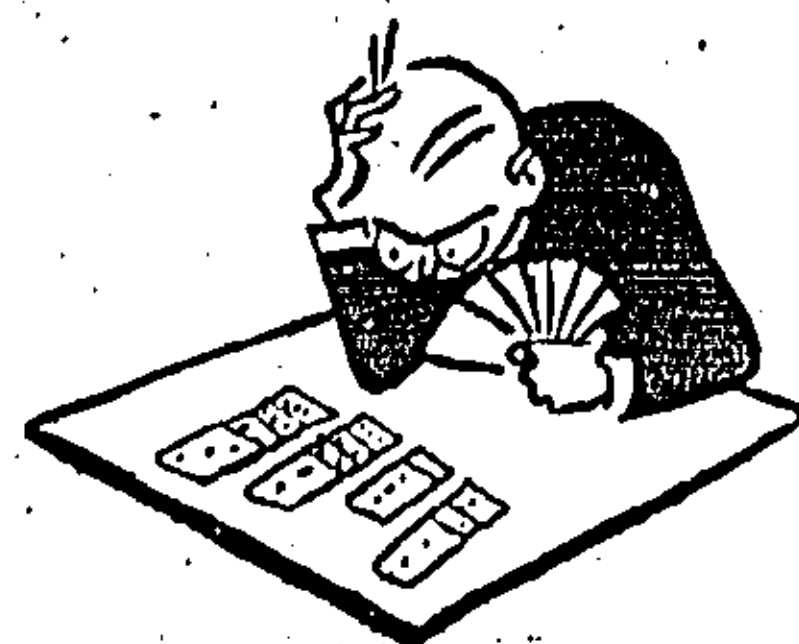
However strongly many of us may criticise the policies which Sir Nevile supported in the two years before the war, there will be few to disagree with the sentiments with which he ends one of the most noteworthy books of modern times.

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# WEEK-END PARTY

## Bridge hand



**BLACK-OUT** spell more bridge parties—with coffee and biscuits, gossip and friendly wrangling as background. So here's a bridge teaser which will make you think—and may even help your play.

GAME: Contract. Score is game for North-South. Dealer sits South. You sit West.

And this is your hand: SPADES Ace, 5, 3, 2. Hearts 8, 5, 2. Diamonds Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 7, 4. Clubs None. South opens bidding, calls "One club." You overcall one diamond and North bids two hearts, which South supports until a small slam in hearts is reached. The call comes round to you last in hand. What should you bid?

Answer in Column Seven—but don't look yet.

## Match Box

CAN you take a match out of a box and strike it with one hand only? Make some one else do it—and watch his facial contortions. Don't let him hold the box against any part of the body. Then return to where people can't see you, and try it yourself.

## Ping-Pong Practice

A PLAGUE upon this to you, maybe, but I'm not in that class—I still can't decide whether I'm worse on forehand or backhand.

So I took counsel's opinion, which was: "You're holding your bat wrongly. The secret is in the thumb, which must lie firmly along and high up the handle. Not round it."

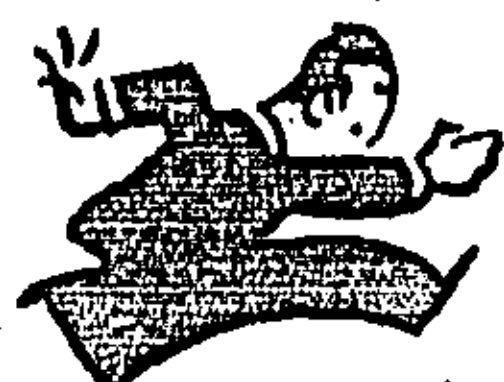
I'm now practising alone with the table against a wall.

## Favourites?

THE best part of high tea is that clatter of family argument which surges up somewhere about the cake and fifth cup stage. May I lead you to a good discussion subject?

If you had a visiting American to entertain, which parts of England would you show him first? Personally, I'd take him straight to Dorset. And you?

## The starlit walk



-RUN LIKE A-15-

EXAMINE this little story. Each blank (indicated by a figure) can be replaced by the surname of a famous film or stage star. Go to it.

"The work of the—1—being—2—, I decided to leave the—3—of my house and walk for a little while in the—4—near by."

"I turned by my—5—hedge and started off down the—6—. I wanted to pick a—7—of holly for Christmas. On I went until, to my surprise, I found that the recent—8—had caused the little—9—in rain to—10—after—11—until it now—12—in a small pond across my path. I shall have to—13—across this. I said to myself, 'and I do not feel—14—enough for that. Suppose I were seen—I should have to run like a—15—. What—16—my dignity then?'"

"So I glanced at the—17—of my watch, and, humming a—18—, sauntered home, again."

Answer in Column Seven.

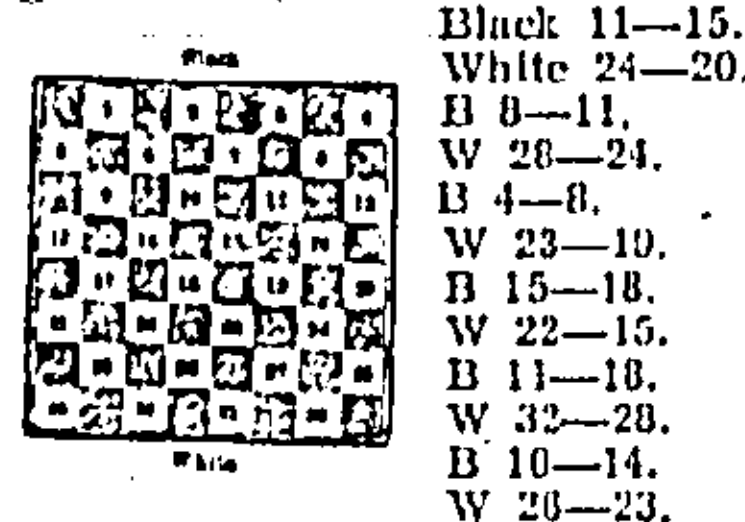
## Try These Opening Moves

I'M learning chess because I think it's good for me—but I play draughts with my wife for fun.

Did you know that there were standard "openings" in draughts—just as in chess—and that if you use them instead of opening anyhow you'll play a better game?

Here's the most famous—Lae Ayrshire Lassie. (Why the name? Because a certain famous draughts player discovered this opening while playing against his host in an Ayrshire house. Afterwards he turned to his hostess's daughter

Here are the first six moves, black playing first. Try the opening over and over again, till it's your own speciality. You'll win games with it.



and said: "In honour of you, I name this opening the Ayrshire Lassie."

## "Adolf, Where Art Thou?"

SOME one else invented this game, but the title is entirely mine. You'll see why in a minute. Take two newspapers and roll them. Give them the rolled up papers. Make them lie full length on the floor, facing each other, with left hands clasped and left arms fully stretched.

Victim No. 1 then cries: "Adolf, Adolf, where art thou?" Victim No. 2 cries: "Heil!" No. 1 then takes a terrible swipe at where he thinks No. 2's head is. And No. 2, if he's sensible, will screw his head away just before the blow falls.

Victim scoring the greatest number of direct hits wins the game. (Not recommended for players above fifty.)

## Feed Your Partner

I WAS made to play this at a party just before the war—and I never forgave my hostess. I, and some other unfortunate, were blindfolded. We were put into chairs facing each other and with knees touching. We then had to feed one another with spoons—soft sugar out of bowls. Silly part was that every one appeared to find our gropings funny! So if you want to play it now, I can only remind you that sugar's rationed—but porridge isn't. And you'll need a bath afterwards.

"This is definitely a game for people under 50"

## HARD QUIZ (By request)

100 MARKS POSSIBLE—BUT NOT LIKELY

- If you snapped your plumbago, would you (a) put it in apothecary, (b) whittle it with a penknife, (c) consult a marine engineer, (d) turn off the water at the main, (e) call in your radio dealer? (Three marks.)
- Who made the following words famous: (a) "And so to bed," (b) "Kiss me, Hardy," (c) "Dr. Livingstone, I presume," (d) "We are indeed a nation of shopkeepers," (e) "If I can, I can," (f) "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton," (g) "They shall not pass"? (Two marks each.)
- Carrolessly I have jumbled up the names in these statements. Put them right: (a) Janus Wat discovered radium, (b) Brunel discovered a cure for hydrophobia, (c) Epstein evolved a theory of relativity, (d) Madame Curie designed a statue called "Rhinoceros," (e) Pasteur built the Clifton Suspension Bridge, (f) Lister designed the first steam engine, (g) Einstein discovered antiseptics. (Two marks each.)
- Nestling early among these words are one or two cases of bad misspelling. Spot them: Plaguy, innocuate, desiccate, parallel, intransigent, innocous, hemorrhage, laparotomy. (Two marks for each spotted.)
- Give the leading man and leading lady in the following films: (a) "Jezebel," (b) "Nothing Sacred," (c) "Romeo and Juliet," (d) "Wee Willie Winkie," (e) "Modern Times," (f) "Algiers," (g) "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," (h) "Camille," (i) "Roberta," (j) "King Kong." (Three marks each.)
- "This is Mr. Thomas Edison, the inventor," said the host, introducing his guests, and continued (a) Mr. Stuart Hibberd, the —, (b) Sir Christopher Wren, the —, (c) Mrs. Annie Besant, the —, (d) Signor Puccini, the —, (e) Mr. Robert Herrick, the —, (f) M. Guy de Maupassant, the —, (g) Mr. Frank Capra, the —, (h) Signor Botticelli, the —, (i) Mr. Larry Gains, the —, (j) Mr. Walter Winchell, the —, (k) Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the —, (l) Mr. Len Hutton, the —. (Two marks each.)
- Fill in the blanks in these proverbs: (a) — is the thief of time, (b) — is the mother of invention, (c) more —, less speed, (d) — before you leap, (e) better be born — than wise, (f) Give a dog an — name and — him. (One mark each.)
- In case you don't know—what is a Camberwell Beauty? (Three marks.)

## THE ANSWERS

- ANSWER to "The Starlit Walk": 1. Frances Day, 2. Irene Dunne, 3. Tom Walls, 4. Grace Field, 5. Stan Laurel, 6. Lupino Lane, 7. Judy Garland, 8. Claude Rains, 9. Bette Davis, 10. 11. Nelson Eddy, 12. Evelyn Laye, 13. Philip Wade, 14. Sonnie Hale, 15. Robertson Hare, 16. Nancy Price, 17. Franklin Dyall, 18. Nancy Carroll.
- ANSWER to the BRIDGE PROBLEM: You should double. This shows the advantage of the lead-directing double, which in this case asks your partner to lead a club. You can obviously ruin, and your ace of spades should then defeat the contract.
1. Whittle it with a penknife—plumbago is a type of lead in pencils. 2. (a) Samuel Pepys, (b) Lord Nelson, (c) Sir Henry Morton Stanley, (d) Diarrhoe, (e) Julius Caesar, (f) The Duke of Wellington, (g) Marshal Petain, (at Verdun). 3. (a) Madame Curie, (b) Pasteur, (c) Einstein, (d) Epstein, (e) Brunel, (f) James Watt, (g) Lister, (h) Innoculate, desiccate, innocuous.
4. (a) Bette Davis and Henry Fonda, (b) Carole Lombard and Fredric March, (c) Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard, (d) Shirley Temple and Victor McLaglen, (e) Charlie Chaplin and Paulette Goddard, (f) Charles Boyer and Hedy Lamarr, (g) Robert Donat and Greer Garson, (h) Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor, (i) Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, (j) Fay Wray and Bruce Cabot. 5. B.I.C. announcer, (b) architect, (c) composer, (d) composer, (e) poet, (f) author, (g) film producer, (h) artist, (i) boxer, (j) columnist, (k) suffragette, (l) cricketer, (m) politician, (n) necessity, (o) house, (p) look, (q) lucky, (r) ill, hang, s. One of the largest and most beautiful of British butterflies.

## New Books

### He Lived Life at Top-Speed!

By MONICA DICKENS



ONE of the few things I remember from my school days is my head mistress saying: "Whatever you become—top dog or under dog—the important thing is to live your life with zest."

She ought to meet Mr. Lennox Kerr.

Between the ages of sixteen, when he joined up on a destroyer with the Dover Patrol, and thirty, when he finally decided to settle down to a writing career, he crammed more zest and hurricane adventure and experiences than would fill the lives of ten ordinary men.

He calls these years *The Eager Years*, a happy choice for the title of his autobiography (Collins: 10s. 6d.).

Here are some of his jobs, in the order in which he tumbled in and out of them.

Duplicator salesman, bawling at prospective buyers: "If you try to throw me off, I'll wreck your office!" farm labourer in Australia, dance hall proprietor, victim of a newspaper stunt: "Penniless man writes Great Short Story," New York bull-hop, speaker's waiter, serving a sort of methy-

lated spirits known as "Canned Heat"; tramp and beggar; fur trapper in the Arctic.

The book nearly bursts out of its jacket with top-speed, exuberant vitality.

A BOOK that everyone should buy—and that everyone can buy, for it only costs 6d.—is *Somewhere in France*, the Journal of War Correspondent J. L. Hodson (Cherry Tree).

Everyone at home wonders: What are they doing out there? How do they live? What comforts do they need most? What are they laughing at?

All the answers are here. Mr. Hodson observed, and then he wrote, real-life stories of everything—tanks, concert parties, the King's visit, and what a Lancashire private said about digging in the mud.

We want to hear these little things; but O S now means "Same Old Stew," and a current couplet:

"It is the O.-in-C., Lord Gort, Who'll decide if your life is long or short."

Without undue sentiment, Mr. Hodson has made it a very grateful book.

T. M. w. t. I. M.

## Looks Into These Contractions

IT is a most amazing thing, the way war brings a rush of abbreviations and contractions to a world already overloaded with the beastly things.

I mean, chaps are always going to the M. O. I., or the F. O., chatting the while of A.H.P. and the R.A.F., etc., which means et cetera (and the other things).

The full horror of the situation came when I drifted into an assembly of High Executives. Out of the blue, one shot at me: "What does 'L.C.' stand for?"

Generally I wobble, under fire, but this time I rejoined automatically: "Id est—that is." The reply was O.K., but it might easily have been N.G. Realizing what a narrow escape I had, I began to explore.

## Latin Out Of Date

NOW my medico is not a bad sort of bloke, so I tackled him about the bits of Latin he uses in prescriptions. He gave me:

F.h. (flat haustus), make a draught.

F.m. (flat mistura) make a mixture.

F. pil. (flat pilula), make a pill.

D.d. in d. (de die in diem), from day to day.

He said, "Many phrases are dying out, like 'ad lib.' ('ad libitum,' or to the desired amount). 'It is not now considered modern to write instructions to the patient in Latin, for the chemist to translate.'"

"Well, well!" I thought. I mean, you cannot beat plain, King's English, can you?

By Alan Tomkins

One of the very nicest girls I know has spent many weary hours typing horrors like "uit" and "prox." I was chatting lightly with her when she said, "E. and O.E."

"I beg your pardon," said I, politely.

"Errors and omissions excepted," said she.

Apparently people writing invoices and letters of agreement make a habit of dotting down these initials, the theory being that they can get out of it by saying it was all a ghastly mistake.

So I got a brilliant idea. I asked one of my more brilliant barrister friends and said, "Hil just supposing a chap wrote a lot of loving letters to a girl, and these letters were given in evidence as breach of promise."

"Just supposing the chap had written one to E. and O.E. Would that let him out? I mean, could he say that the whole thing was a ghastly error?"

Well, my distinguished, gentle, and learned friend simply hit the roof.

"Preposterous," he hissed. "He would simply make himself out to be a mean fellow, of bad faith, trying to take advantage of a legal quibble."

"It would be no use," he warned up, "writing on the letters 'without prejudice.'"

"All right," I said. "The whole thing was hypothetical."

Crime Shorts

I THOUGHT I knew a bit about the Army, but a chap I know who is shortly returning to khaki said something about "D.D.O."

"What the blazes is that?" I said, a bit short.

"Drab drill overalls," he said. "Our crime man always muttering about 'D.D.I.' and 'C.O.' meaning 'Divisional Detective Inspector' and 'Central Office.' But his 'J.S.I.' riled me."

"That's a bar scarred inspector," he said.

"How come?"

"Junior station inspector," he said patiently, as though talking to an ass. "They wear a bar and star, and are known as 'bar scar.'"

## Confucius Say

THIS is said to be the latest craze in America.

All you have to do is to think up a wisecrack and put it into pseudo-Chinese—"Confucius say"—"Charlie Chan say" would perhaps be more appropriate—is supposed to precede your statement.

Here are some new ones:

Henry Eighth, he trying husband. He keep on trying.

British fighting for dear life. We get it by and by.

Man who is careless with orange peel have slip of sole to follow.

Wise novelist, he book-reviewer first.

Reporter at political meeting—he take all lying down.

Banker's money like Garbo—wants to be a loan.

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## ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE QUEEN WILHELMINA

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter).—An attempt by the German air force to capture Queen Wilhelmina early this morning was described by the Columbia Broadcasting Company's Amsterdam correspondent.

This correspondent stated that at least 16 large Junker aeroplanes landed at Valkenburg airport near the Queen's summer villa at Ruyvenhoeck, each carrying at least 20 soldiers armed with automatic rifles and machine guns.

Other would-be aerial kidnappers landed at Delft.

The plan was to cut off The Hague only for a few hours from the remainder of the country and capture the Queen and Government.

### How Attempt Was Foiled

Describing how he encountered a pitched battle on the outskirts of Valkenburg, the correspondent says that hundreds of Dutch soldiers were sent out in high-powered tanks and machine-guns, while snipers, using tracer bullets, set on fire a number of German planes.

It is believed that a number of would-be kidnappers were killed. The correspondent adds: "From what I saw, the Dutch mobile defence was effectively handling this new type of 'blitzkrieg'."

## Typical Nazi "Explanation"

Resistance Will Be Crushed With All Means

BERLIN, May 10 (UP).—The High Command, in special reports dated May 4, made the charge that Belgian fortifications since the world war had been directed exclusively against Germany, whereas the French frontier had been totally unfortified.

The Official News Agency states, firstly, that Germany did not overrule the protection of the neutrality of Holland and Belgium, secondly, that the German Government had sent a memorandum to Holland and Belgium giving "incontrovertible proof" that the Allies intended an immediate attack against the Reich over Belgium and Holland, and, thirdly, that the German Government had sent a memorandum to Luxembourg to the same effect and stating that she was forced to take over protection of the Luxembourg.

The German memorandum to Belgium and Holland warned the Belgian and Dutch governments that any resistance would be "crushed with every means." The Belgian and Dutch Governments alone would bear the responsibility for the consequences and the bloodshed which would then become unavoidable.

**German Version of Invasion**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—A German news agency statement says: "At dawn to-day the German air force started the attack in the west with strong units and landed numerous units on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes."

"The aerodromes and their surroundings fell into German hands in a short time."

"The aerodromes in east and central France were attacked by surprise by German bombers which destroyed the aerodromes and aeroplanes, and caused considerable fires. Aerodromes at Sedan, Vitry Le Grand and Metz were destroyed."

"German air attacks were extended to Dutch and Belgian military objectives as the Belgian Government had called British and French troops into the country and the Dutch Government had declared a state of war between Holland and Germany."

**More Nazi Claims**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique announced this afternoon:

"German troops crossed the Dutch, Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers at 5.30 a.m."

"Enemy resistance was broken everywhere energetically, often in close co-operation with the air force."

"A German U-boat sank a British submarine off Terschelling."

"A German speed-boat sank an enemy destroyer by torpedo action during operations in the North Sea."

**D.E.I. SEIZE 19 NAZI SHIPS**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—According to a message from Singapore, 19 German cargo ships, which had taken refuge in the Dutch East Indies after the outbreak of war and which were reported to be preparing to make a dash for Vladivostok, have been seized and their crews interned.

## U.S. AND THE WAR

Cabinet Discuss Ways Of Keeping Out

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff and the more important Cabinet members met President Roosevelt at the White House to-day.

It is believed that they discussed measures to ensure that America will not become involved in the European war.

Most of the Cabinet members arrived showing signs of a sleepless night.

### Watch on Far East

Little work is being done in Washington this morning.

Crowds are gathering round every loud speaker to hear the latest war bulletins.

The officials are keeping a close watch on events in the Far East, especially with regard to the Netherlands Indies.

President Roosevelt is being praised in many quarters for his decision to retain the Fleet at Hawaii. He was directly responsible for this decision.

## BELGIUM PREPARED

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determination of their peoples to fight by the side of the Allies for a just and righteous peace.

The Belgian Ambassador referred to the ordeal of his country during the last war and said that they had emerged victorious as they had emerged victoriously on this occasion.

The Dutch Minister said that his country had always triumphed over invaders.

**Dutch Parliament Sits**  
THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuter).—Parliament met in a short session this afternoon.

The President of the Second Chamber declared that the Netherlands, which everywhere is known as a nation that promotes peace, is attacked with merciless violence.

"We protest against this atrocity. The Army and Navy will resist with fearless courage."

**Minister's Statement**  
WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—"By invading my country, Germany has outdone herself as a civilized nation," said the Dutch Minister in a statement to "Reuter" to-day.

"The people of America are intelligent enough to draw their own conclusions and will not be taken in by the usual German lies and their cowardly means of warfare," he concluded.

## U.S. TO BUILD MORE PLANES

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—Owing to what was considered as an impressive showing of air power in Norway, the United States Air Department intends to make a special grant of 500 new four-engined "Flying Fortresses" costing £80,000. This is announced in the "New York Times."

**Circus Opening**  
The Grand Olympic Circus opens to-night opposite the Mongkok Fire Station. Included with the show is one of the best menageries ever to visit the Colony, and one of the outstanding performances reveals various wild animals put through their paces by a famous trainer.

Special matinees will be given to-morrow and on Whit Monday at 3 p.m.

## B.E.F. ON THE MARCH

Thousands Going To Belgiums Aid

PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—Since this morning khaki-clad columns have been moving with smooth efficiency towards the east.

Crowds of civilians greeted the troops with evident joy, pelting them with flowers and running alongside the troop-laden lorries. They also offered the men bottles of beer.

### Thumbs Up

As they move off, the men waved heartily to the French people, who turned up their thumbs to indicate that all was well with the British Army.

The suddenness of the German onslaught has certainly not caught the Army napping.

The arrival of the B.E.F. at the Belgian frontier was an impressive sight. Long columns of lorries, tanks, armoured cars, motor cars and motor cycles moved forward in a steady stream.

### Psychological Tonic

The men looked bronzed, fit and ready for anything. The call to action undoubtedly proved a psychological tonic to the troops who have been kept on the alert since the war began.

Under an almost cloudless blue sky, the British have gone quickly and efficiently to help their new ally.

The Belgian civilians, in gratitude, lined the roadside, raised their hats and cheered while the women blew kisses to the passing soldiers.

## BOMBERS TAKE TOLL

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were killed and 61 wounded in a German air attack on Brussels aerodrome and surrounding district.

The attacks by German troops have been held at every point.

**Raid on Lyons**  
PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—One enemy plane was brought down during a raid on Lyons aerodrome.

**French Statement**  
PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—France has reserved the right to take "appropriate action" if civilians are bombed.

A communique issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs states: "The French Government, which in its reply of September 1, 1939, to President Roosevelt's appeal, gave an assurance that its air forces had received orders ruling out the bombing of civilians and limiting bombing to strictly military objectives, wishes publicly to announce that it reserves the right to resort to such action as it may consider appropriate in case of bombing by the adversary of the civilian population, whether in France, Britain or countries aided by France."

**Churchill As Premier**  
GREENWOOD returned to Downing Street.

**Parliament to be Summoned**  
LONDON, May 10 (UP).—It is reported that Parliament is likely to be summoned for Tuesday.

**French Cabinet Changes**  
PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that M. Reynaud has reconstructed his Cabinet, taking into it representatives of all political parties.

A communique states that M. Louis Marin, former Minister and President of the Republican Federation, and M. Ybarné Garay, Vice-President of the French Social Party, have entered the Government in the capacity of Ministers of State and will be members of the War Cabinet.

**British War Cabinet Meets**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Immediately after the invasion of the Low Countries it was learned in London that the War Cabinet was summoned to meet at 8 a.m. The Chiefs of the staffs of the three Services attended.

**Re-Assembles**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The War Cabinet and Chiefs of the staffs of the three Services reassembled at 11.30 a.m.

## LOWLANDS RESIST AIR BLITZKRIEG

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From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m., there were continual salvos as German bombers flew over the city in groups of three, five, ten or more.

Once the fire was drowned by a series of heavy explosions. It was stated that it was the Schiphol aerodrome being blown up.

Now and then there was a roar as a Dutch fighter zoomed up to keep German planes from the centre of the city.

**Landings Announced**  
Soon after dawn, the radio announced a series of landings by German paratroopers and the subsequent various German bomber formations, showing that the information organisation was working most efficiently.

News that Belgium and Holland had appealed to the Allies and that the Dutch had given the invaders a determined answer caused the atmosphere to change miraculously.

British and French shook hands with the Hollanders that they met in the streets.

The coolness of the people was astonishing. The usual flood of cyclists streamed the roads, going to work as usual, only pausing to buy special editions of newspapers.

**Six Planes Down**  
PARIS, May 10, (UP).—The Dutch Legation announced that six German planes had been shot down at the seaport of Helder.

**Delfzijl Holds Out**  
THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that notwithstanding the fierce German attacks, Delfzijl is still in Dutch hands.

An armoured train was destroyed near Venlo. It was blown up together with a railway bridge.

**Dutch Destroy Bridges**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—A Dutch news agency broadcast says that the Dutch troops have destroyed the bridges across the Meuse and Yssel rivers.

In only one section of the town of Arnhem, which is 9 miles from the Netherlands-German frontier, have the German troops reached the Yssel river.

German paratroopers have been surrounded and are being annihilated.

**Premier's Proclamation**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Dutch Prime Minister, M. De Greef, has issued the following proclamation to the nation:

"The Government asks the population to keep calm and remain indoors if possible and continue their usual occupations. The population are urged to obey all regulations laid down for observation in the event of air raids."

"The consumption of alcohol is forbidden temporarily."

"No information must be given to the enemy and no work done for him. The enemy has no right to compel you to do this."

"The population is no longer permitted to listen to German radio programmes. The Belgian, English and French programmes, including news bulletins, may, however, be listened to."

"The utmost economy must be observed in the use of gas and electricity. Public amusements are closed until further notice."

## OFFICER GUILTY

Manslaughter Verdict Returned By Jury

Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 25, engineering officer of the R.M. ships, was found guilty by a jury yesterday of the manslaughter of Lam Shing-chi, a ricksha coolie, on April 4.

The jury returned a majority verdict of 6-1. The case was tried before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions. Sentencing was deferred until Tuesday.

It was alleged that a car, driven by Bruce, knocked down and killed Lam in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, about 2.30 a.m. on April 4.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by the Inspector S. C. Saunders. Bruce was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

The following comprised the jury: Messrs. J. F. Lawrie (foreman), V. P. Santos, J. Mar, Chan Hung-ching, B. A. Yang, Wong Shu-wa and J. W. Bundred.

## Air Ministry's Casualty List

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Air Ministry Casualty communique No. 20 records that 33 were killed in action or otherwise, ten were wounded, 12 died and 37 are missing.

## AMERICA & FAR EAST

Philippines Appeal For Firm Stand

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, May 11 (UP).—The German invasion of the Lowlands has focussed Philippines interest on the United States attitude towards the Far East.

"The time has come for the United States to take a stand and declare a firm policy regarding the Far East," says the "Manila Bulletin."

"The presence of the American flag makes American responsibility in the Philippines just as definite as on Pennsylvania Avenue."

**Must Not Repeat Blunder**  
"If this responsibility is not recognised in an aggressive way the blunder will be just as bad as in Europe where nations failed to marshal their forces for law and order which could have stopped the Nazi campaign of conquest."

The reported possible movements of the United States fleet—which have been denied by very high naval authorities here—have caused speculation as to whether the United States are preparing a very strong front in the Far East.

**No Change in Situation**  
WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a Press conference to-day that he saw no change "with respect to the possibilities of the United States keeping out of the war."

**AMERICA ADVISED**  
Government Keeping In Touch With Situation

Washington, May 10. The Assistant Secretary of State has announced that official information has been received that Luxembourg has been invaded by land and from the air.

President Roosevelt has been informed of the German invasions. He remained in his study all night receiving diplomatic reports from Europe.—United Press.

**Keeping In Touch**  
Washington, May 10. President Roosevelt is keeping in close touch with the European situation and will hold a conference at the White House this morning. The Secretary of State, Senator Cordell Hull, and the Chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force will attend.

President Roosevelt has ordered Dutch, Belgian, and Luxembourg credits to be frozen.—Reuter.

**Pan-American Parley?**  
Washington, May 10. The United States will probably consult the other American republics to determine whether any steps should be taken to guarantee the status of Netherlands possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The New York Times in a leading article entitled "Aggression Run Mad" says the fact that it was long foreseen as one of the possible consequences of Germany's mad desire to dominate all Europe does not detract from the enormity of the crime.

Neither these little countries nor the Allies had given the Nazi Government the slightest excuse for this brutal aggression. Once again the world sees murder in cold blood.

This action will stir the American people to their very depths. By attacking one of the last defences of democracy on the continent of Europe, Germany has thrown a challenge in the face of the whole Atlantic world. The United States must look to her defences without a moment's loss of time.—Reuter.

**Request To Germany**  
Washington, May 10. The Government has asked Germany not to bomb open towns.—Reuter.

**Fleet Moves Rumours**  
Honolulu, May 10. The official Naval Spokesman said he was not aware of any imminent United States fleet movement beyond the scheduled training.

Rumours which have circulated in the islands for some time to the effect that some vessels were scheduled for Manila were revised to-night due to the Dutch situation. The rumours chiefly concern submarines, although there is talk of the sending of heavier forces. As far as can be ascertained there has been no movement so far.

It would be possible to move fairly large units undetected, especially at night, due to the isolation of Pearl Harbour, plus the constant routine action—doubtless in Lahaina Roads where it is impossible to keep more than a general check on fleet activity.—United Press.

## MOST OF HOLLAND TO BE INUNDATED

AMSTERDAM, May 10 (Reuter).—The big part which water is playing in Holland's defence system is disclosed in the details issued.

The main inundation aims at cutting off Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and other big centres from the east.

The invaders will have to fight their way through a series of subsidiary lines even before they reach the flooded territory.

Along the frontier a system of local inundations and cleverly-placed defence posts will constitute the first obstacle.

**Fields Disappearing**  
The strongest post is just north of Nijmegen, which guards the approaches to the narrowest part of a semi-circular line which connects the Zuider Zee with the mouth of the Meuse.

The intricate system of dykes and canals is being manipulated with extraordinary speed and the low-lying fields have disappeared below the rising tide of waters, leaving gaunt trees and isolated and deserted villages.

Canals have disappeared and form booby traps. There is no cover. The whole eastern fringe of the water line consists of higher ground so that it is impossible for the enemy to let the water out.

The line has been modernised with a comprehensive system of fortifications behind it. Other defences consist of innocent-looking huts which really are machine-gun nests.

## Girls' and Boys' Corner



This is all my own work

Name ..... Age .....

Dear Kiddles,  
Last week's competition was really too easy, I think. I received more answers to last week's competition than ever before. It took me quite a long time to pick out the winning entries.

The prize winners this week are: Doreen Xavier (aged 11) 222, Tung Choi Street, 1st Floor, Shona McIntyre (aged 9), 14, Humphreys Buildings, Betty Fair (aged 7 1/2), No. 7 Police Station.

Coupons have been sent to Doreen, Shona and Betty which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent work are the following: Seniors: Penny Lee, B. Lait, A. Mohammed, Evelyn Law, A. G. Hyder, Wong Kwok-lam, Luige Ribeiro, Poon Bing-lai, Leonard Fillmore, Pauline Lee, Mavis Roach, Wong Man-luen, Chandru Heera, Paul Naidu, George Wong, Roy Holmes, Andrew Koo, V. Knie, Mary Abbott, June Hilton, Ghazi Khan, Wilbur Marshall, Audrey Heath, David Robertson, Mary Grace Asche, Kan Yuet-hung, E. D'Aquino, Keith Martin, Nuno da Silva, Sheila Nelson, James Nelson, Kelvin Toy, Norman Helleveick, Joan Gordon.

Intermediates: Rosemary Langley, Waldemar Chan, David Carvalho, Roy Romero, Dinwood Bux, Olga Noronha, Dick Toull, George Nestoroff, Maria Marcel, Corinne Hong Sling, Paul Louise Chan, Micky Lee.

Junior: Tony Roza, G. Bux, Shirley Ann Hewlette, Tony Remedios, Charlotte Marcell, Ines Law, Gerald Marshall, Susan Wood, Margaret Kloss, Jacky Janice Chan, Ann Wilson, Pamela Jarvis, Gwynne Wu.

Mary Chin and Thelma Triggs: As you are already 15 years of age you are both too old to enter for these competitions.

Roy Pomeroy: Welcome as a new member to our Boys and Girls' Corner.

This week, kiddles, we have a fine fellow to colour. With your paints or crayons colour the picture of the cockatoo as gaily as you can. Pink, yellow, cream or pearly grey should be used for colouring his plumage.

When you have completed the colouring, fill in the name, age and address coupon. Send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," Wyndham Street, before 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Best of luck, kiddles,  
Uncle Eddie



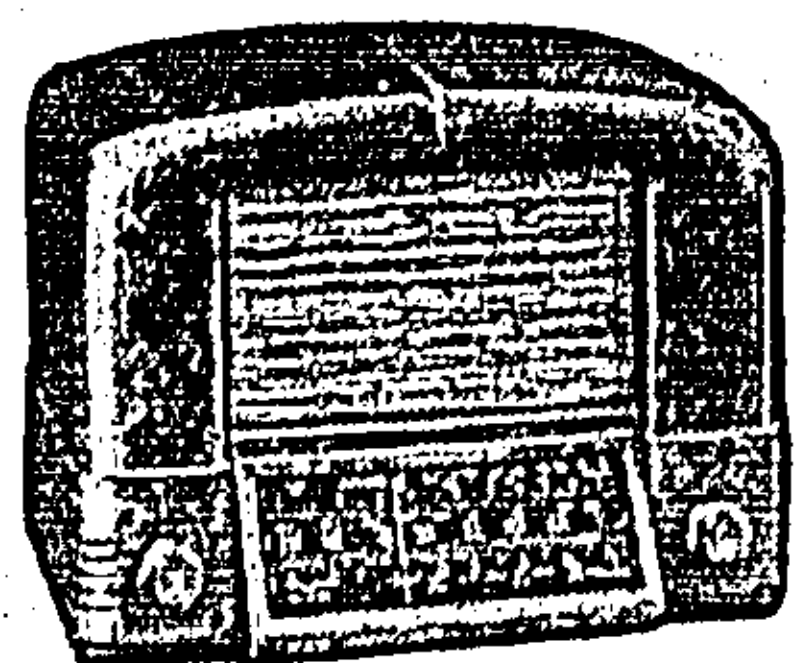
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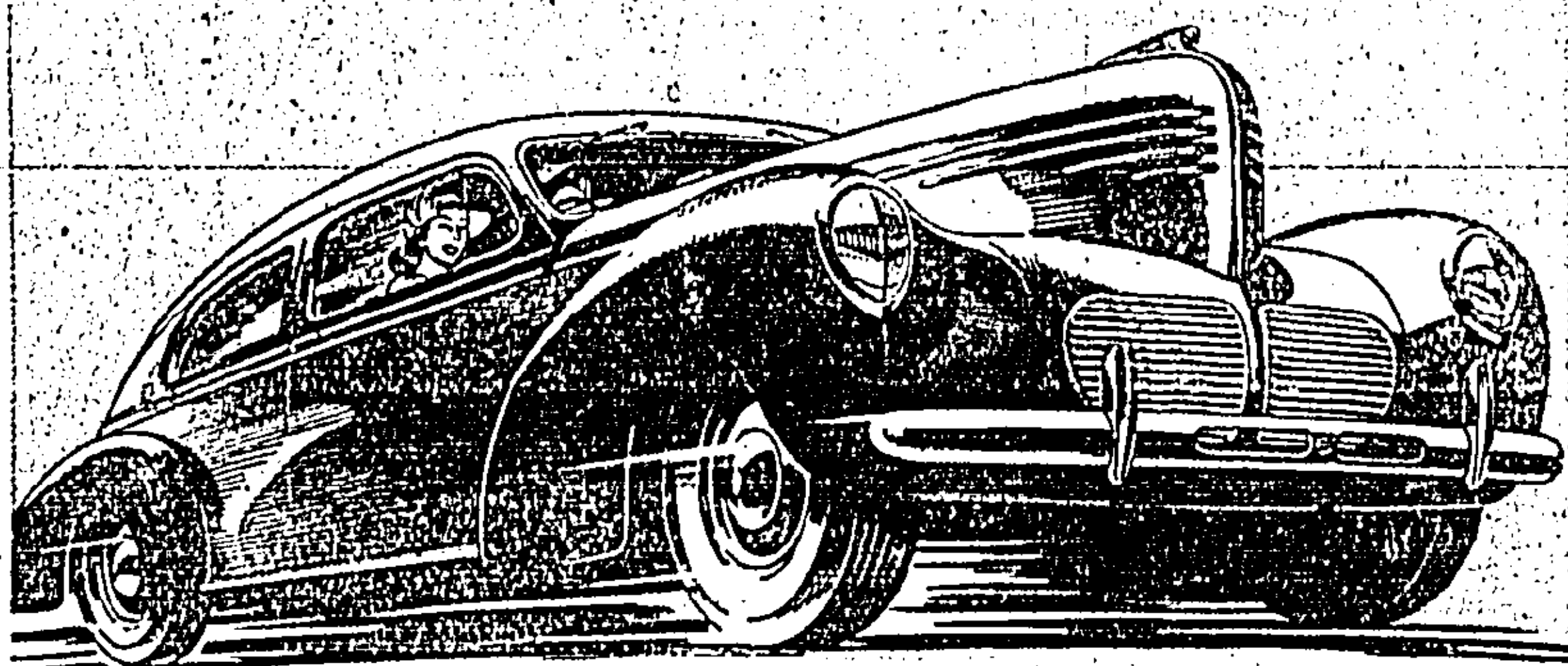
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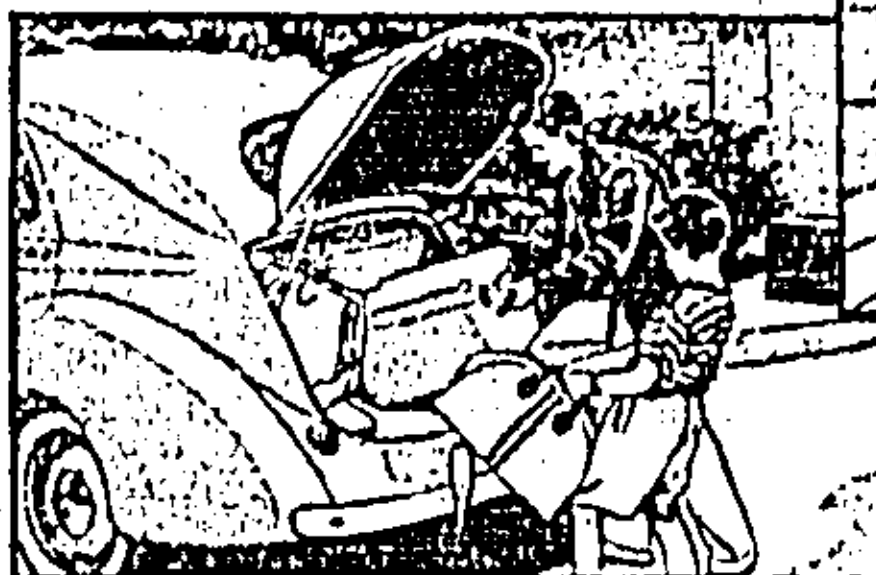
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By RONALD WALKER

SEVEN German aeroplanes—five of them definite and two unconfirmed—were shot down by one of our fighter squadrons in the busiest day's air scrapping since the war began.

In the midst of the fighting was "Cobber," the 21-year-old New Zealand pilot, who is the air ace of this war so far.

He bears a charmed life. He shot down two Messerschmitt fighters, and was in turn shot down, wounded, jumped out with his parachute, landed in No-Man's-Land within half a mile of the German lines, and escaped back into France.

"Cobber" now has five definite and one possible German aircraft to his credit. His squadron claims a bag of 11 definite and three possible victories.

#### Cobber's Story

Only a month ago he struggled back to France from Germany with his machine wrecked by German cannon shells, the engines stopped and on fire. He was slightly burned, and choking with smoke and fumes.

The young New Zealander was limping up the village street when I found him.

He grinned his wide grin when he saw me.

"All right," he said, "I'll spill it. We were out on patrol. The two others were a pilot officer (aged 23) from Devon and a 24-year-old sergeant-pilot from Hitchin. We saw some anti-aircraft fire ahead and flew towards it.

#### Odd Spots In Sky

"Then I saw some odd spots in the sky. I turned on the old radio telephone and said: 'Messerschmitts ahead.'

"We counted nine of them. I led in and the others followed. They tackled us in two lots of twos, and then the other five waded in.

"I got a shot into one of the first two which attacked me and I saw it stall, and then go down with smoke pouring out of it.

"Then the fun got pretty furious. I looked for my other machines, but saw only swastikas flashing by. I got a burst into one of them and saw it go down in a cloud of black smoke.

"Now comes my fade-out. Two or three German fighters were apparently above the rest. They waited there like hawks ready to pick off enemy machines.

#### Then—Bang

"By this time the sky had cleared, and I looked round to see what was happening.

"There was nothing behind, and then—bang.

"The cockpit covering was blown off. I did not have time to know what had happened, or where it came from. Flares and hot oil came up from the engine.

"I passed out. I came to, and put my left arm out of the cockpit, and it seemed minutes before I could resist the wind pressure sufficiently to get it back.

"Then I realised that I was in a steep dive. Bending forward to turn off the petrol, I got my face burned, and then I pulled back the stick to come out of the dive, undid my straps, rolled over and slipped out of the cockpit.

"After getting my face scorched, the next thing I remember was feeling the air on my face as I fell, and thinking how good and cool it was. Then I realised that I had not pulled the ripcord to release the parachute.

"Owing to my glove being covered with oil I could not get hold of the grip. While I was tearing off my glove I fell through a large cloud. I could remember realising that everything all around me was white and very light.

#### In No-Man's-Land

"As I floated down it was obvious that it was going to be touch and go whether I landed in Germany or France.

"In an endeavour to help myself on my way to France I tried the ripcord, pulling on the shroud to spill air out of the chute and to guide it towards France.

"I came down with a wallop in No-Man's-Land. This much I knew, because I knew this country now, but I did not know where everything was. Bidding myself up, I ran like the devil to a small wood. From

there I could see a village.

"Instead of making for it I went towards the sun, walking cautiously. A minute or two later a French officer came running up and presented his revolver at me.

"I had just satisfied him as to who I was when French soldiers rushed up and pushed their bayonets against both our stomachs. When the French officer had finally convinced the soldiers he took me back to the mess and gave me the odd tonic.

"There a doctor treated a bullet wound in my hand and the holes in my legs from shell splinters. I was told that the village I had thought of making was German occupied.

"Air Marshal Barratt issued a communique stating that there was marked increase in aerial activity on the Western Front in the neighbourhood of Metz.

#### Fought Seven And Nine

"A formation of seven enemy reconnaissance aircraft," stated the communique, "which was escorted by fighters was intercepted and engaged by fighter patrols of the R.A.F. Several broke up the enemy formation and forced the enemy to abandon his reconnaissance.

"Later one of our patrols encountered a formation of nine enemy fighters. In the ensuing fight two enemy aircraft were seen to go down in flames.

"One of our fighters was shot down, but the pilot escaped by parachute.

Hearing that the war was really on a 23-year-old flying officer from Warwick led his flight up to join in.

"We made off towards distant anti-aircraft fire," he said. "Just before we got there we spotted 12 Messerschmitt single-engine fighters. They did not see us for some time. Then they described a very wide circle, the leader moving up to get on my tail.

"We got into a tight circle, and the Germans went flying in all directions over the top of us. I closed in behind two of them, trying a deflection shot, which was no good, and then got a burst into one.

"It went down in smoke.

#### Fight Over Nazi Drome

"The other machine made off to Germany, which I did not realise at the time. We had a dog-fight right over his aerodrome. Suddenly he made a most peculiar move, coming right up in front of me. I got him, and he went down with orange flame bursting out from beneath.

"Oh, I forgot to mention that I was attacked. Some enemy fighters were lurking above us when we made the first attack. I did not see them.

"After the first fight they dived on me. I saw bullets thudding through the wing. That was all. The pilot of my second machine saw the fighters come down, but I did not. Nothing more happened.

"The escorting fighters deserted the bombers, and I saw them going off home tightly bunched together."

#### The Man Who Shot Down Cobber

Berlin.—The pilot who is reported in to-day's German High Command communique to have shot down a British Hurricane fighter says in the Berlin newspaper "Nachtausgabe."

"Seven of our machines were flying on border patrol when we suddenly encountered three planes, followed by five more.

"In a quick upward swing I passed a Briton just as he wanted to begin work on me. Another approached alone. He didn't see me. I banked my Messerschmitt to get within favourable shooting range. I felt the urge to press the firing button, but I remembered the words of my captain, 'Get still closer.'

"The time came. My cannon and machine-gun blazed at the close target and all must have hit. The enemy plane turned sharply upward as if the pilot had been hit and the machine out of control.

"My next shots tore away part of the tail. I followed the falling plane to a cloud ceiling of about 8,000ft. There he disappeared. Later I saw the plane in flames on the ground."



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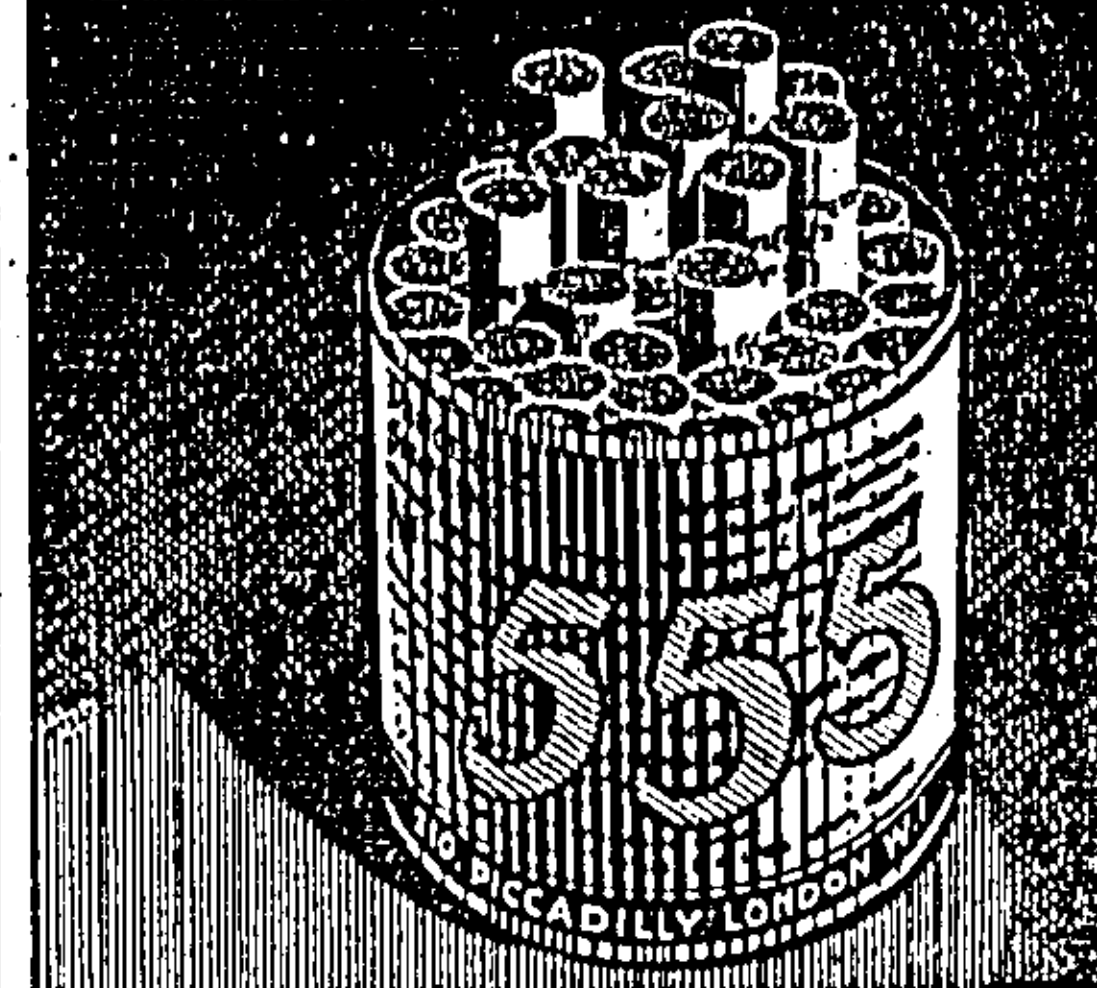
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# WAR PICTURES

## THE NAVY COMES TO TOWN



CROWDS formed in Trafalgar-day to watch the men of the Ajax and Exeter, seen above with their combined bands crossing the square from the Admiralty Arch to Northumberland-avenue. Left: The procession marching down Northumberland-avenue to the Em-bankment, with Nelson's Column in the background.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

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**Hongkong Telegraph**  
Saturday, May 11, 1940.

**Hang Hitler!**

IN the black, early hours of yesterday morning Hitler chalked up another black outrage against humanity, when he ordered his Hun legions to swoop down on peaceful Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Seven peaceful countries, if you exclude Austria, have now been ruthlessly invaded by this arch-enemy of mankind and civilisation, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Denmark know to-day the horrors of conquest and rule by the Gestapo. Norway, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg fight fiercely for their liberty.

The sequence of events is almost terrifying in its barbarity. No conqueror in modern history has so violated the liberty of peoples, as has this man, who, simultaneously with each of his adventures, has announced to the world that his actions have been motivated only by the desire to "protect" the peoples whose lands and homes he violates.

We prattle of war aims, of peace aims. Let our major aim be the extermination of this murderer and his gang. Exile or the honour due from conqueror to conquered must not be his fate. Hitler deserves only the gallows.

**News Agency's Feat**

THE "Telegraph" loses no time in giving credit to "United Press" for one of the major scoops of the war. At 11.10 a.m. yesterday we received an urgent cable from San Francisco, stating that mysterious planes were over Amsterdam and that Dutch anti-aircraft guns went into action, this despite the fact that Holland had clamped down a strict censorship.

At 2 p.m., the whole story of the German invasion was to hand, and the Final Edition of the "Telegraph" was on the streets at 2.30 p.m. with the complete report. The elapsed time between events in Hongkong was less than an hour, and the "United Press" story was the only complete one received in Hongkong last night.

Through the co-operation of this American News Agency, whose reports are published exclusively in the "Telegraph" in the afternoon, this newspaper was able to report the invasion of Holland in all Editions yesterday. No reports from any other source were received before 4.10 p.m.—exactly five hours after the first report was received from "United Press."

SOME of America's highest-paid journalists and writers were asked by the London Sunday Dispatch to answer the question: "How do you explain America's peace-time clamour 'Stop the Dictators' with her present attitude of isolationism?" Here are some of their answers:—

**DOROTHY THOMPSON**, wife of Sinclair Lewis the novelist, political writer to the New York Herald-Tribune syndicate:—

I doubt whether England—if England were in the position of the United States and the United States in the position of England—would be rushing to our defence. I rather guess that the attitude of England would be the same as ours now. You must not ask the Americans to be wiser or cleverer than you were.

I deplore the blindness on the part of some of the American public to the gigantic issues that are at stake in the world. But apparently nations cannot learn from experiences of other nations. The U.S. has not yet come up against facts in the same way as



LORD GORT

**BRITAIN and France to-day stand more firmly united in a common cause and a common determination than ever before in their history.**

Ever since King Edward VII's historical visit to France there had been a complete change in the feelings existing between that country and Great Britain, and there had gradually grown up a feeling of confidence in each other which materialised when they entered the war in 1914 as Allies.

Comradeship in arms still further strengthened the bonds between the two, and I am certain at the present moment no two nations have ever stood closer together and with more confidence the one in the other than France and Great Britain.

The more we consider the position of the two countries in 1914 and to-day the more shall we realise this truth. First of all politically: In this country in 1914 there was a very decided division of opinion as to whether we should enter into the War and to the last moment it remained in doubt.

I happened to be passing through Paris the week before War was declared. I met Sir Francis Bertie, then our Ambassador in Paris, on the Thursday. I asked him what he thought Britain was going to do. He said: "I can't tell you in the least. All I know is that one day next week we shall either have a crowd in the Embassy Yard cheering for Britain; or the same crowd there demanding my blood."

If he was uncertain, how much more right had the people of France to be uncertain as to whether to have confidence in us or not.

HOW different in 1939! The whole country absolutely united; no necessity for recruiting meetings; no necessity to prepare the ground for conscription. It was brought in reluctantly in 1915. It came about whole-heartedly in preparation for the present war. That is clearly recognised in France, and this is an additional cause for confidence.

Nobody can doubt the sincerity of both countries and their determination to stand by each other and to fight to a finish for what they consider right.

Then let us take the fighting forces. Our Navy now, as in 1914, is supreme, and nobody realises better than the French nation that their safety lies, as does ours, in our maintaining our mastery of the seas. I have no fear of our losing that mastery.

Our Air Force in the last war was only, so to speak, in its infancy. Now it is probably the best equipped and best trained force in the world.

**WHAT AMERICANS ARE THINKING ABOUT THE WAR**

**RAYMOND CLAPPER**, political commentator to the 20 Scripps Howard newspapers, which have 18,000,000 circulation:—

In the heart of Texas a few weeks ago a group of representative citizens told me that if it were apparent that the Allies were in danger of defeat, American sentiment would, in their judgment, support some kind of naval assistance.

**RAYMOND GRAM SWING**, News Commentator on Foreign Affairs to the Mutual Broadcasting System of America and B.B.C. commentator on American affairs since 1935:—

In America we are going through a phase of not thinking things out thoroughly, and the nature of this war gives us time for it. We are not being forced to face facts so we don't face them.

That is not predicting that the United States will enter the war once the facts have been faced. That depends on whether Americans become convinced that they have to fight for their own sakes. Which, in turn, will depend on the course of the war.

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**JESSE F. ESSARY**, head of the Baltimore Sun's Washington office:—

It is no secret that in its deeper heart the United States Government wants to see Germany defeated, otherwise the ridiculous embargo on implements of war would never have been repealed, but it insists that its rights be recognised, even though there may be situations in which it is undesirable that they should be literally enforced.

**ERNEST R. LINDLEY**, author of Roosevelt's official biography and close personal friend of the President:—

Nothing Great Britain has done, or can do, is likely to alter the basic American antipathy to Nazism. But this in no way precludes a growth of coolness, or even of antagonism, to Great Britain. So far the American reaction to British interference with our mails and such of our trade as we have not already voluntarily relinquished has been annoyance rather than deep or widespread indignation. There is a feeling that Great Britain is taking advantage of our friendship.

**By LORD DERBY**

And our Army; let us compare the Army of to-day and the Army of 1914.

The "contemptible" little Army of 1914, though very small, was thoroughly efficient and showed to the French Army what British soldiers were like, and succeeding reinforcements from the Territorial troops only intensified their admiration for them.

The spirit of all ranks is the same now as in 1914, and after four years of fighting the poilu of the French Army got to know the worth of the British soldier, and the British soldier cannot look back on the late war and remember the heroic defence of Verdun without profound respect for his French colleague-in-arms.

The French Army, I know, is to-day greater and better even than in the last war. I can pay it no higher tribute than that.

AFTER two and a half years residence in France as Ambassador, during which time I came into contact with all sorts and conditions of men, I feel I know something of France, and with that knowledge has grown my great and ever-increasing admiration for the French nation.

**WHY WE SHALL Win**

I am not sure that the best simile cannot be found in Paris itself at the Arc de Triomphe.

You stand there, and you see the roads leading in every direction. They come from different places, but they all meet at the one central rallying spot, and that is what I think is happening at the present moment.

The roads are leading from Britain, France, Canada, Australia, South Africa and all His Majesty's Dominions.

Along them come troops, speaking different languages, but the words they use represent the same desire. The desire to win freedom and security—that freedom and security which we had hoped we had gained in 1918, but which we are certain to regain now at the end of this war.

**They give Hitler the air**

BY PATRICK CAIRNS

ONE of the most peculiar things about this very peculiar war is that we are almost on speaking terms with our enemy. Certainly we are on listening terms.

There is no Defence Regulation that suggests for a moment that we are doing wrong if we tune in to Nazi broadcasts with the enthusiasm and regularity with which we listen to "Band Waggon."

Our nightly laughs from Hamburg and Zeppelins are made by an old British institution. And I wouldn't put it beyond the British mentality to send a protest to Berlin if ever our favourite German announcers were taken off the air for good.

But the French are not content to let the radio war be a one-sided affair. "Right," they say, "if the Nazis think abusing Churchill and Daladier is good propaganda, then two can play at that game."

And instead of reasoning with the Nazis, as they would with their own people, the French answer back every night in the only language the Nazis understand: the language of abuse, of sarcasm and cruelty.

And the Nazis don't like it. They jam the stations as often as they can. In between whiles the French hand over the microphone to exiled Austrians, Poles and Czechs.

each of whom has a "Freedom" station on French soil.

This is the sort of thing the Nazis hear from the Austrian announcer:—

"So Hitler's talking about culture again! What does the little Mr. Reichscorporal know about culture, may we ask? He was such a bad painter when he was in Austria that he couldn't pass any of his exams, so he went to Germany where—of course—he managed to impress them."

"We hear that Hitler is 'discussing' things with his generals. What they mean is that he's taking a course of instruction—with the chief of the 16th army corps."

"There are also reports that Hitler is learning Russian. They are entirely untrue. The Fuehrer has no talent for languages—not even German."

Goebbels is the particular target of this Freedom Station, and he is addressed personally every night in varying terms. The most polite of these referred to him as that "great, tall, blond Aryan—Germany's greatest advertisement for Strength Through Joy."

The little Doctor's recent appeal for "optimistic music" and his proud claim that all the theatres in Germany are open, drew forth an analogy with the "Bread and Circuses" of ancient Rome.

"In Rome," said the announcer, "the Emperor gave the people bread and circuses to keep their minds off politics. The only difference is that there's no bread in Germany. But circuses—Why, Germany's just one big circus, with Hitler as chief clown."

The German broadcasts put out by the French have the same spice to them as those transmitted by the Freedom Stations.

There is a healthy streak of cruelty-to-be-kind about these French broadcasts, too. Especially when attention can be drawn to the German's stomach.

"I went on a shopping tour of Les Halles this morning," said a Frenchman, describing his day in war-time Paris. "How you poor Germans would envy us! Five hundred different kinds of cheeses, stacks of fruit, whole trucks of meat, and all the butter anybody could want. And all, of course, without ration cards."

Certainly this is cruel, but it is effective when addressed to a nation which is forbidden butter and coffee in peace-time.

Day after day, three times a day these French and exile stations laugh and mock at the Nazi radio, picking on every German argument and throwing it back in Hitler's face.

Finally there is the Austrian Freedom Station's own War Aim. It is to make Dr. Goebbels listen to his own speeches and read his own articles till he dies. "This," adds the announcer, "would surely be a fate worse than death."



## PERSONALITY PAGE



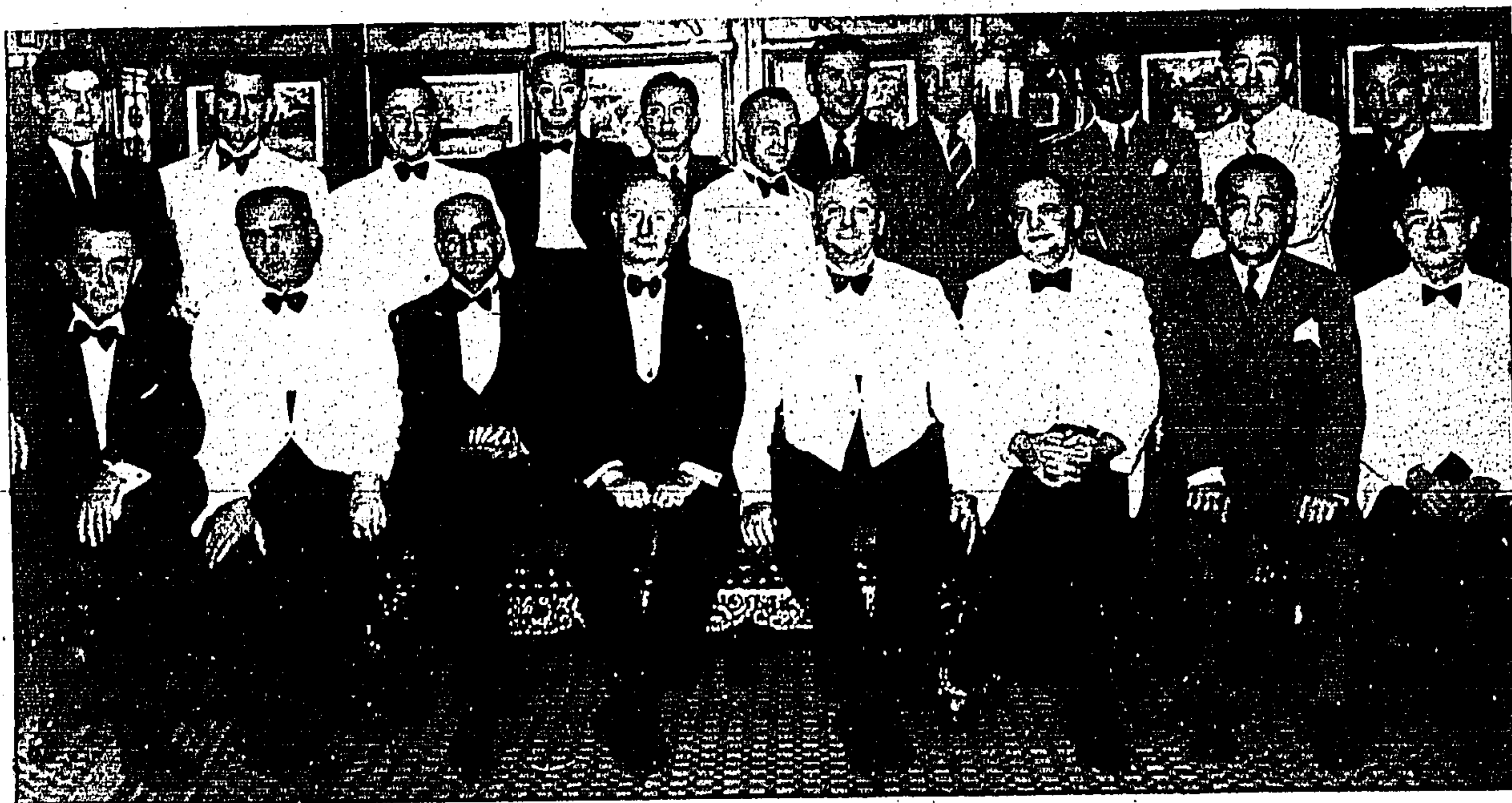
**THE WEST COUNTRY ASSOCIATION** of Hongkong recently held a successful dance at the Peninsula Hotel. Here we see members of the committee, including Mr. Organ, Commander J. Horawell, Miss D. Cavill, Mr. Tribble, and Mr. Burnett.—Ming Yuen.



**AN ATTRACTIVE** study of Madame Francesca Denies, the Belgian dramatic soprano, who will be heard in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on May 10, when she will offer a programme of works by Gluck, Puccini, and Massenet, as well as groups of English and Flemish concert songs. The accompanist will be Mr. Harry Ore, who will contribute pianoforte pieces by Liszt and Chopin.



**MANY PROMINENT** Hongkong Personalities were present at the cocktail party last Friday aboard the new and handsome N.Y.K. liner the Nitta Maru. As a result our roving cameramen were able to take the pictures reproduced above. Top shows the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell seated in the centre of friends. Below on the left are M. Dimond of the Peninsula Hotel and Mr. Grant. On the right, Mr. Newbiggin chatting with Mrs. Southard (left) and Mrs. J. H. Taggart. Immediately above is Captain Ogawa entertaining Major C. M. Manners, Capt. Scarpa and Mr. E. de Chaffoy.—Pictures by Kahn and Mee Cheung.



**A DINNER** was recently held by the Superintendent and officers of the Auxiliary Fire Service at the Golden City Restaurant, and here we see those who participated. Front row, reading left to right are: Mr. R. Grimshaw, Mr. W. M. Smith, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. J. C. Fitzhenry (Supt. H.K.F.S.), Mr. G. C. Moes, Mr. Chan Mak-leung, and Mr. Harold Chan. Back row are Messrs. D. Sung, A. I. Cash, H. R. J. Brooks, Mok Hing-wing, C. Leung, E. Greenwood, B. Chan, H. L. Decker, G. M. Butt, Ying Ming and P. Ip.—Ming Yuen.

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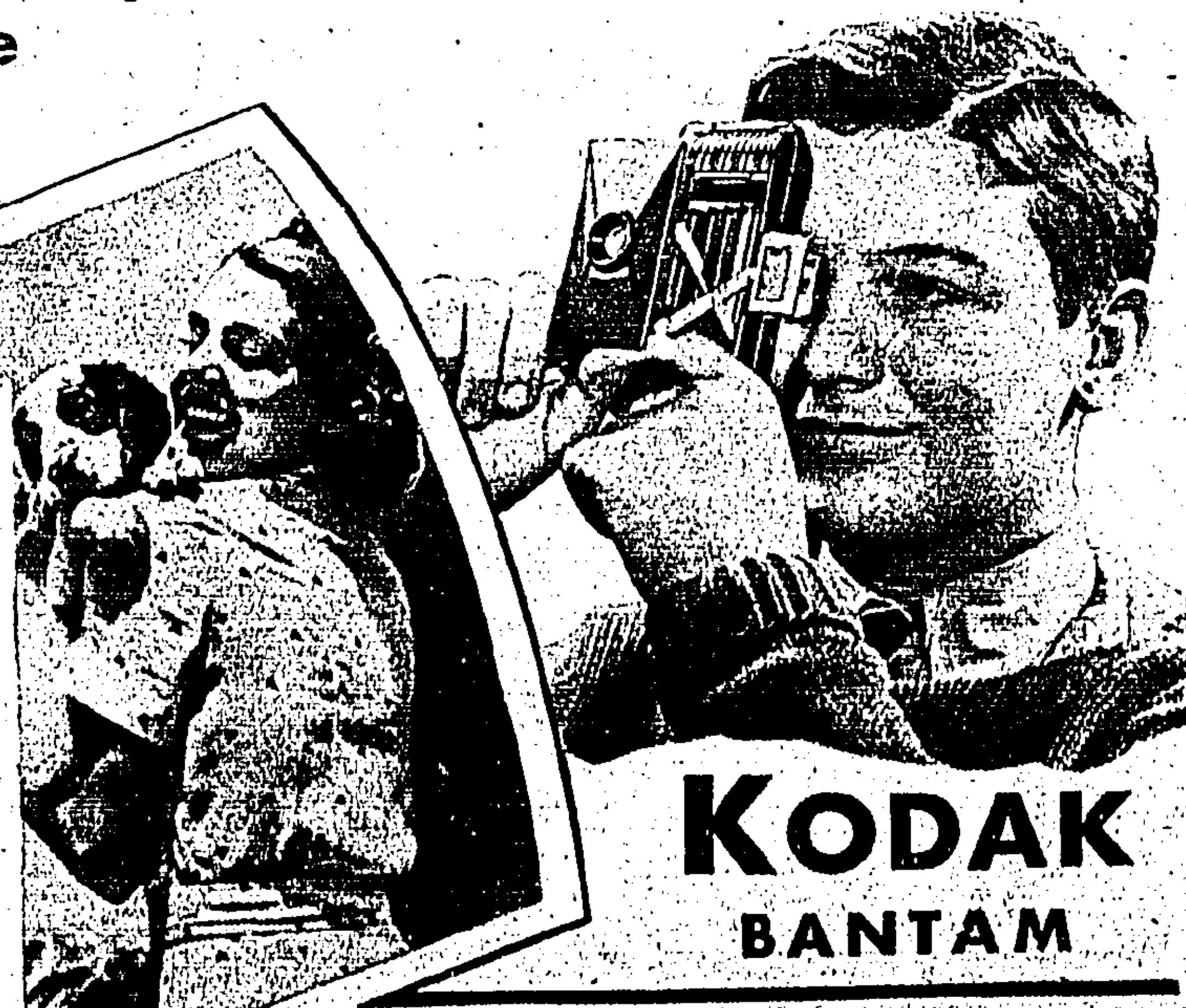
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WEDDING:— Considerable interest in Portuguese circles was created last Saturday by the wedding of Mr. H. H. de Rozario and Miss M. M. S. Xavier. Here we see the bridal party photographed after the ceremony.—Ming Yuen.



PLENTY OF EXCITING action was enjoyed by the large number of people who gathered at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's Middle Island clubhouse last Saturday, to watch international pairs and fours take part in an entertaining programme of events. In these pictures we see two of the winning crew. Top is England's winning Junior International Four, comprising Messrs. Brewer, Carey, N. D. Booker, and N. J. Booker. Seated is Mr. Heywood. Below is the Scottish crew winners of the senior International Fours. Left to right are Messrs. Moodie, Swan, McDougall and Dalziel, with Stopani-Tolpison seated.—Ming Yuen.

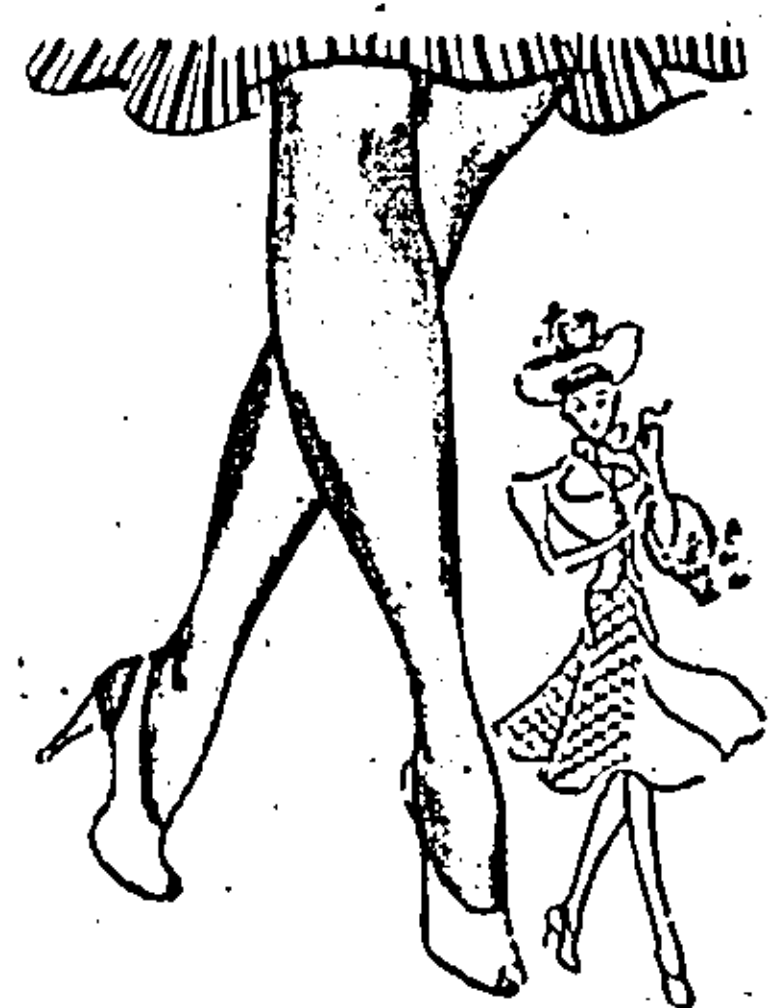
AN UNFORGETTABLE happy afternoon was spent last week by members of the St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, who enjoyed their annual sports and games in the Church grounds. Here are three pictures taken during the afternoon. Top, extreme right are Miss Ann Searl and Miss Jennifer Hood, who finished first and second respectively in the potato race. Below is a composite block, showing a gay crowd of youngsters posing on the slide, and very determined young boys taking part in one of the flat races. The first two-named pictures by Kahn, and the boys' race by Mee Cheung.



WEDDING:—Many friends of the bride and groom attended the Rosary Church last Saturday for the wedding of Mr. C. Azedo and Miss Lucy Jorge. Here we see the bride and groom emerging from the church after the ceremony.—Kahn.

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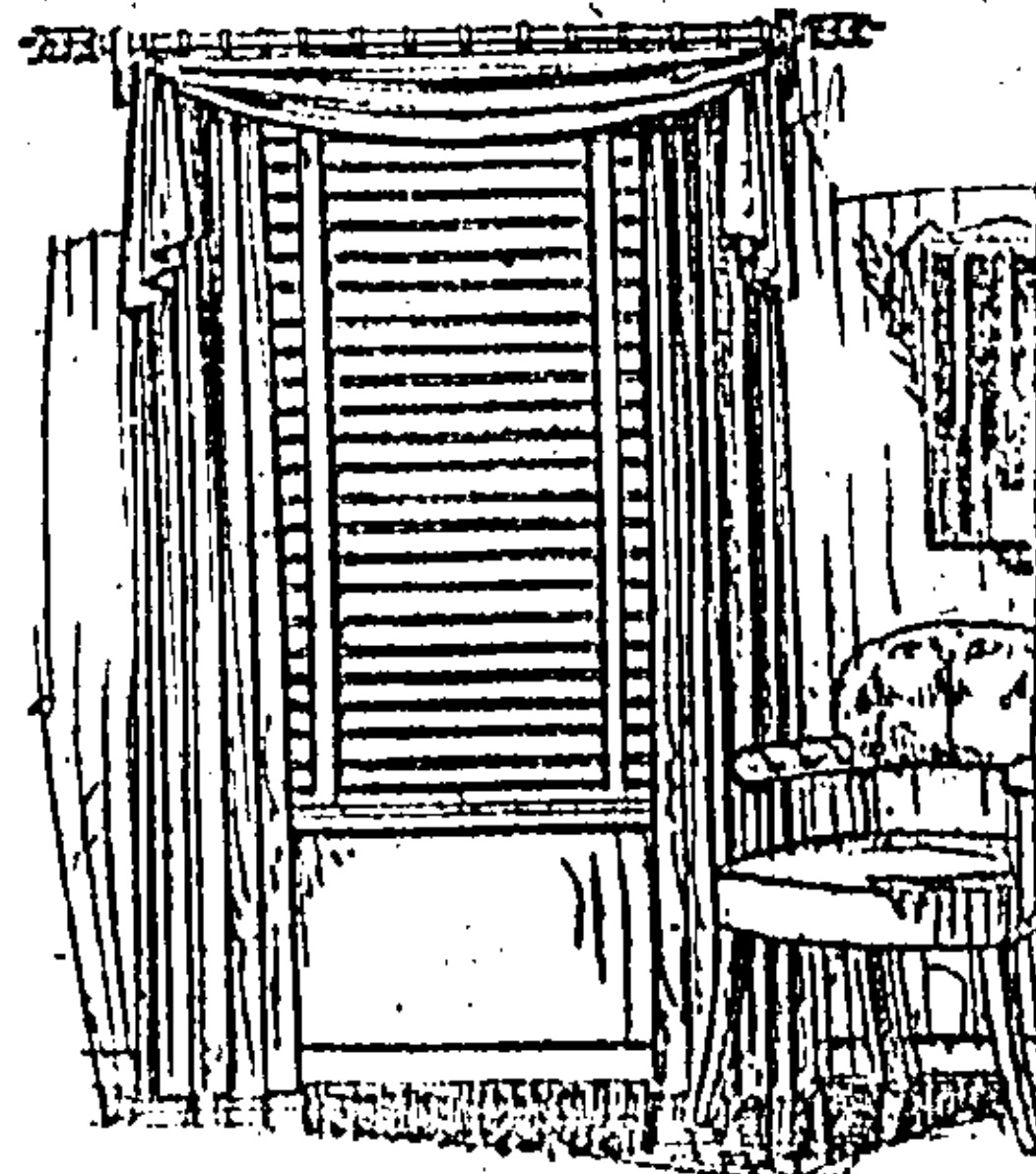


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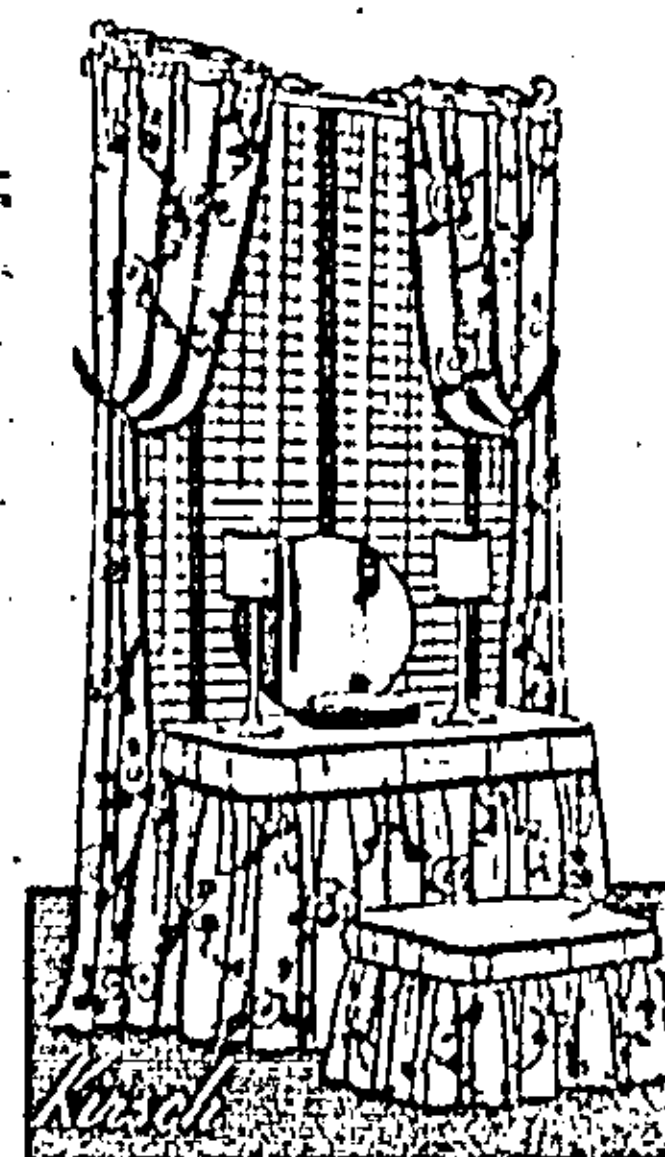
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week has run them pretty close, and  
has only been saved from surpassing  
them in paucity thanks to spasmodic  
deals in H.K. Banks.

Business Done During the Week	
11.35 Banks	\$1,500, \$1,405, \$1,402½, \$1,409, \$1,400
Union Ins.	\$400
Docks Cum	\$116, \$21½
Docks Int.	\$6.70, \$6½, \$6.40, \$6½
Hotels	\$4.35, \$4.20
Land	\$26½
Humphreys	\$3
Realities	\$4½
Chinese Estates	\$103½
Trans	\$17.40, \$17.25, \$17.40, \$17½, \$17.40
Star Ferries	\$65, \$64
China Lights (New)	\$4.80, \$4.80
Electric	\$24½
Macao Electric	\$21.10
Telephones (Old)	\$28
Telephones (New)	\$10, \$9.95, \$10, \$10.10, \$10.20
Cement	\$17
Dairy Farms	\$21½
Two Cottons	\$14, \$74
Buyers	
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Docks Int.	\$6.70, \$6½, \$6.40, \$6½
Hotels	\$4.35, \$4.20
Land	\$26½
Humphreys	\$3
Telephones (Old)	\$27
Wm. Powell	\$1.30
Sellers	
Union Ins.	\$403
Land	\$26½
11.35 Banks	\$1,402½
Sales	
11.35 Banks	\$1,500
Raub	\$9.53
Land	\$26½
Chinese Estates	\$104½
Trans	\$17.35/40
Star Ferries	\$63
China Lights	\$4.80
Electric	\$24½
Macao Electric	\$21.10
Telephones (Old)	\$27½



# THE MAN WHO SAYS ITALY WILL FIGHT US

by  
**FRANK GERVASI**



AN English journalist once asked me to present him to "this man Gayda," the man the world knows as "Mussolini's mouthpiece"... the man who says Italy is ready to take on the Allies.

As we walked down Corso Umberto to Palazzo Sclaria, where Gayda works, my friend speculated upon the physical and mental characteristics of the fellow journalist he was to meet. His idea of Fascist No. 3 was a composite of Mussolini, Count Ciano, Minister Alfieri, a few Fascist caricatures by Strube and Low, all superimposed on a likeness of the Ogre in "Jack the Giant Killer."

My English friend, though one of Britain's foremost political writers, had a mental image of Dr. Virginio Gayda which I dare say is shared by thousands of Britons.

He thought Gayda was "tall, massive, baldish, with wide mouth, a prominent chin, bluish bristling beard, loud voice, dark, fiery of eye, dressed always in his Fascist Party uniform, broad of beam, hammy of fist."

ALTHOUGH I seldom if ever agree with Dr. Gayda's political views, it was with a certain satisfaction that I watched the look of amazement in my friend's face as I shook hands with the editor of Il Giornale d'Italia.

What my friend found was a small, mild little man, with twinkling blue-grey eyes behind shell-rimmed spectacles. A wispy, brownish moustache, stained by ceaseless cigarette smoking, concealed a thin upper lip.

We found Gayda in a spacious office, furnished in massive eighteenth-century walnut, seated behind a typewriter which he works with his two index fingers at amazing speed. His calm, inquisitive face, with a hint of pouchiness beneath the eyes, was outlined under the light from a huge green-shaded desk lamp.

He often dictates his articles, but more frequently pounds them out at furious speed as the first edition is going to press, his large flat-topped desk littered with reference books and newspaper files in orderly disorder.

A generous-sized cigarette tray lies next to his typewriter and a forgotten cigarette sends up a column of blue smoke.

He has a slightly high-pitched but not unpleasant voice, and is notoriously poor as a conversationalist. He has never, as far as I know, been interviewed. His tongue loosens occasionally over the bridge of some thing that stumps a journalist.

He would pass unnoticed in Fleet-street. The way he wears his hat, his soft shirts, give away his calling. I saw him once in a greyish green striped suit, a battered felt hat, and a blue tie with wide silver stripes.

GAYDA'S most famous journalistic coup was his editorial "Sanctions Mean War," published soon after the League of Nations machinery to apply economic and military sanctions against Italy, in an effort to stop what some of the Press picturesquely called the Rape of Ethiopia, was set in motion.

Gayda reached heights of invective in that piece he has seldom equalled since, but it served its purpose, for it told the chancelleries of Europe that Benito Mussolini was very much in earnest about carving Italy a slice of colonial cake, and that any one who sought to stop him with guns would have a fight on his hands.

I REFERRED to Gayda as Fascist No. 3—after Mussolini and Count Ciano. That is definitely the place he fills in foreign eyes.

In Italy, however, Gayda has little, if any, political importance, ranking high only as a journalist, a fact of which he is proud and modestly conscious.

He is editor in chief of Il Giornale d'Italia, a Rome afternoon daily with a circulation of from 300,000 to 350,000, and of Voce d'Italia, a Sunday newspaper which is neither morning nor afternoon sheet, but somehow both.

Voce d'Italia has a circulation of approximately 150,000. Gayda also edits the afternoon newspaper Il Piccolo, another Rome daily, with a circulation of about 100,000.

In addition, he writes for more serious reviews, such as Affari Internazionali, a literary weekly dealing with international affairs; and he also

writes books and special articles and broadcasts twice a week.

He is easily Italy's most prolific journalist. His weekly output would estimate conservatively at fifty or sixty thousand words.

For all his work, it is to be doubted whether Dr. Gayda earns as much as a top-flight English editor, or even as much as a good sub-editor.

Yet he has probably one of the biggest reader audiences in the world, for he is quoted from Halifax to Tierra del Fuego, from London to Timbuctoo.

CONTRARY to popular belief abroad too, Gayda seldom if ever submits his copy for approval by Mussolini or Count Ciano or even to the dashing, handsome Minister Alfieri, of the Ministry for Popular Culture, and the Ministry for Press and Propaganda.

What is true is that Mussolini or Ciano, or perhaps more rarely Alfieri, strikes a note on the Fascist political

plano, and Dr. Gayda writes the theme song. In a sense, Gayda is Italy's least fettered journalist. His liberty of action is largely due to the fact that he has become thoroughly schooled in Fascist doctrine—a word I know Gayda will detest. He contends he is not a doctrinaire. Fascism, he claims, is not doctrinaire.

At any rate, Gayda needs no censorship, for he is sincere to a fault. What he says you may consider wrong, according to your lights, but you may be certain that what Gayda says Gayda firmly believes.

If you asked Gayda, "Why do you do it?" he would turn his cold eyes upon you with a look of mingled surprise and reproach. He would probably merely smile and give you to understand by a shrug of his slight but expressive shoulders that the question is a stupid one indeed.

GAYDA was born August 12, 1885, in Rome, of Piedmontese stock, which accounts for his seemingly aseptic aspect and outlook, his calm reserve, his shrewdness in business affairs.

He lives in Piazza Cavour, one of the better quarters of Rome, in a modest villa, packed to the ceiling everywhere with books. In case you'd like to call him up some time, his telephone number is Rome 34-773. He will undoubtedly answer himself, for like all newspapermen he lives with a telephone constantly at his elbow.

One of the best informed men in Italy through his personal contacts with Mussolini and Ciano, he will never give you even a glimmer of what he knows his Government is going to do next, so it won't be any use asking him if Italy means to go to war.

Judging from what the Italian "Who's Who" says about the Doctor, Gayda was originally cut out to be a politico-economist. But after graduating from the School of Political Economy of the University of Turin, he plunged into writing. In 1908 became a reporter on the Turin newspaper La Stampa, still considered one of the best journals in Italy, where, alas, there is little to differentiate one newspaper from another.

## Captain Admits He Had Ten Drinks

A captain who admitted that he had taken ten whiskeys and sodas during several hours and that they did not make him incapable of driving, was fined £25 at Manchester recently.

He was Captain Philip Havard Johnson, aged thirty-two, of the Woodcourt Hotel, Brooklands, Cheshire, formerly with Imperial Airways, and now occupied with important Air Ministry duties.

He was fined £20 for being under the influence of drink when driving a car, and £5 for driving his car when disqualified, for a previous offence. His licence was suspended for three years. Captain Johnson explained that when a constable found him, he was confused by the black-out and had run on to the pavement.

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## ENTERTAINMENTS

# LOVE is TRUMPS

FILM: "Shop Around the Corner."  
STARS: Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart.  
VERDICT: Lubitsch Fare.

A ROMANTIC comedy adapted from the play by Nikolaus Laszlo.

It deals with the adventures of a young couple who work in a shop in Budapest, unaware that each is the other's correspondence friend.

The story is slight but the director (Ernst Lubitsch) has made the most of his players and situations and provides excellent fare.

A narrowly escaped suicide provides a dramatic highlight, the irony of the finale being that while the sales staff of the shop have every prospect of a happy Christmas, the proprietor of the shop can only spend his celebrating with the lonely office boy.

Margaret Sullivan plays her part with competence, but it is not one which offers her much opportunity. James Stewart appears in a role similar to many of his others.

Frank Morgan secures the honours with his telling portrait of the shop proprietor and reveals himself as much a master of straight roles as he is of the "dithering" type.

FILM: "U-Boat 29."  
STARS: Conrad Veidt, Valerie Hobson.  
VERDICT: First Rate and Typical.

DIRECTOR Michael Powell, whose energy, imagination, and technical ability have already given us "The Edge of the World," dips back into history for a story that is as topical as the front page of a newspaper. The film is "U-Boat 29."

The Orkneys provide the setting, and 1917 the time. The hero is a German, a U-boat commander, who becomes for a brief spell a spy, helping to engineer a U-boat attack which will cripple the British Fleet.

A young schoolteacher—charming, despite her whiplash tongue—and a British officer are, seemingly, accomplices in a plot that is too good to be spoiled by telling in advance.

It is inevitable that "U-Boat 29" should bring audiences right up against the realities of the present. Last year it would have been accepted as just a first-rate thriller. For it certainly is first-rate.

The sweeping Scottish seascape makes a fitting background for melodrama that goes with a swing from the start, matching suspense with excitement, and dropping shrewdly into humour once in a while to whet the appetite for more of the grim stuff.

Conrad Veidt's portrait of the German commander is as impressive as his physique and features, and he is helped by a cast that never slips below excellence.

Brightest of the other players is perhaps Hay Petrie, as a ship's engineer, popping up from the subterranean depths like one of the seven dwarfs to make repeated complaints to a sceptical skipper.

FILM: "Susannah of the Mounties."  
STAR: Shirley Temple.  
VERDICT: Gurgle, gurgle.

HERE we find the angel child as the last survivor of an outpost of pale-faces who were scalped by Red Indians while making the puff-puff across Canada.

She came to live with the North-West Mounted Police, who, of course, lived in a fort on the North-West frontier.

Naturally the whole crowd of brave fellows were beleaguered by Red Indians and shot at them across the battlements while the long line of relieving troops wound through the desert sand guided by the shouts of "Water, water!"

As a matter of fact, the Commander of the garrison, unaccountably shared my own prejudice about the relieving troops and sent the best looking man to tell Big Chief he promised not to send for them.

I can't think why, but it's no good asking why. Anyway, they trusted the chap up and were all dancing round him, licking their chops when Shirley turned up on her pony and made the red men and the



WHAT'S ON  
TO-DAY  
KING'S: "U-Boat 29."  
MAJESTIC: "The Gorilla."  
ORIENTAL: "Smashing the Money Ring."  
QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA: "Shop Around the Corner."  
TO-MORROW  
ORIENTAL: "Tower of London."  
QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA: "Shop Around the Corner."  
KING'S: "Susannah of the Mounties."  
MAJESTIC: "Second Fiddle."

while men promise never to go to

Shirley, of course, is perfectly amazing. She cries, laughs, sings, smokes the pipe of peace, teaches the officers dancing, war-whops and everything.

FILM: "The Gorilla."  
STARS: The Ritz Brothers.  
VERDICT: Giggly.

IN this film, the popular Ritz Brothers break away from their usual musical roles.

## Four Little Maids From School Were We

FOUR little girls at school—at a convent in Roehampton. Tomboy Maureen O'Sullivan; shy, romantic little Vivien Leigh; dark-haired Bridget Boland; tall, Irish "Paddy" Timmins.

They dreamed of fame and adventure. Bridget liked to know how things were done behind the scenes; Paddy likes to travel. Maureen liked the limelight. Vivien preferred to dream. Nobody noticed her much.

So Bridget took them in hand, produced them in their first school plays. "Paddy" wrote up the programmes. It wasn't such a good show.

Vivien was "Miranda" in the "Tempest". Completely forgot her part, ran off the stage and refused to go on again. They left school.

Maureen became a film star, got her chance through John McCormack. Vivien made her first stage appearance in the back row of the chorus at Kew Theatre. She married and had a baby daughter.

"She'll never make anything," her friends said kindly, "she's too dreamy and frail."

SO Vivien quietly rocketed to fame in a night in "The Mask of Virtue". Then she turned to films. Result: She got Hollywood's No. 1 part of "Scarlett" in "Gone With the Wind".

Bridget Boland wrote a book, "Wild Geese", a collection of 18th century (imaginary) letters which astounded the critics.

She seized on the publicity and asked for a chance to write scripts for British National films. She got it and has just finished "Gaslight".

THE fourth girl? Well, Hongkong people should remember her as "Paddy", who used to write the gossip column in the "South China Morning Post."

She left here about a year ago to marry Lieutenant Charles Owen, R.N.

She's at Malta now, while hubby patrols the Mediterranean.

"Paddy" followed her desire to travel, and saw the world before she was married. She picked a place on the map and went there. If she liked it, she saw an Editor about a job. That's how she came to Hongkong.

Four smart girls—all grown up.

BY the way... Jimmy Hanley, young British film player turned Millionaire, extracted from the Army after one month's trying to play Cobb in "Gas Light" (see story above) at Denham, promptly collapsed with 104 temperature flu.

Note from Hollywood: Disney's Jimmy Cricket in "Pinocchio" will be more popular than Dopey. "Pinocchio", extracted from the records at the Empire in London. Garbo's old film, "Anna Christie" (the one when she first talked), is now sought by the Warner Brothers for Betty Davis. They'll offer "The Desert Song" for MacDonald-Eddy in return.

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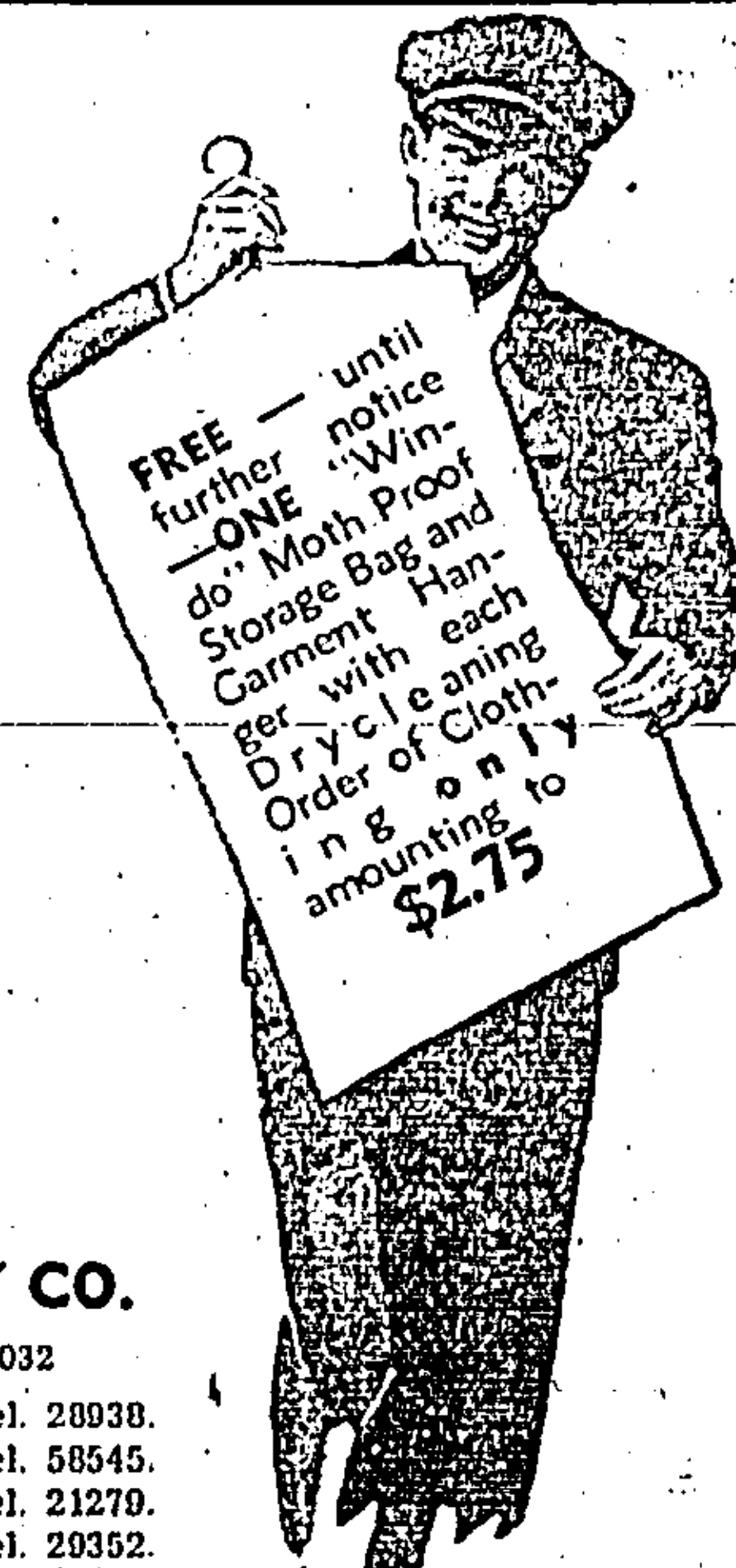
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# INAUSPICIOUS START TO 1940 BOWLS LEAGUE

Players Turn Out With Umbrellas and Raincoats: To-day's Prospects

(By "Wick")

THE 1940 LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE made a start last Saturday, but it was not much of a start. Of the 14 matches arranged for the day, only 10 were decided and these in a steady drizzle which did not make playing enjoyable. Some of the players wore their raincoats while others took out their umbrellas. But the matches went on. It evidently needs more than a drizzle to stop these lawn bowlers—they are a stubborn lot!

Peculiarly enough, only the Second and Third Divisions were affected. All five games in the First Division were decided. There were no surprises during the day but the results helped to give an indication of the strength of some of the teams. Club de Recreo "A", last season's champions, were expected to beat Craigengower C.C. seeing that they were playing on their own green, but few would have thought by 34 shots.

The Civil Servants did not have their full side out and in consequence their win over the Indians at Happy Valley was a particularly meritorious one. It was achieved mainly through L. A. Collier's win over A. K. Minu by 23 shots, which more than made up for the defeat sustained by H. E. Strange and J. Hollidge, the other two Civil Service skips.

The most interesting part about Collier's success was the fact that playing No. 1 was young Grimsditch and No. 2 young Hollidge, both of whom were playing first Division bowls for the first time in their lives. They were called in at the last moment, yet they played like seasoned bowlers, being invariably better than their opposite numbers.

For nearly three quarters of the match, the Indians held a slender lead, but A. K. Minu's failure to recover swung the balance over to the home side.

Of the matches in the First Division this afternoon, only in one would there be a forecast result. This is the match between the Craigengower C.C. and Hongkong F.C. The former, playing on their own peculiar green, should end up on the winning side.

The other four games are very open. Recreo "A" would appear to be a better team than Kowloon C.C., but the latter have green advantage; the same remarks hold true of Kowloon B.C.C. and Indian R.C., with K.B.G.C. in the place of Recreo "A" and the Indians in the place of K.C.C.

The Police v. Civil Service game ought to be a close affair, and it is difficult also to predict the result of the match between Recreo "B" and Kowloon Docks despite the fact that the game is on the Recreo green.

THE following is the programme to-day:

FIRST DIVISION	
Kowloon C.C.	v. Recreo "A"
Indians	v. K.B.G.C.
Police	v. Civil Service

SECOND DIVISION	
K.B.G.C.	v. Craigengower
K.F.C.	v. Kowloon Tong
Recreo	v. Police
Civil Service	v. H.K.C.C.
Kowloon C.C.	v. Talkoo R.C.

THIRD DIVISION	
K.F.C.	v. H.K.E.R.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. Prison O.C.
Craigengower	v. H.K.F.C.
K.B.G.C.	v. Indians



## "Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:



### GUIDE TO THE RACES

The following guide to the races this afternoon has been compiled on the selections of three newspapers (Three points for 1st, two for 2nd, and one for 3rd):

LEAD MINE H'CAP (FIRST SECTION)			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Galveston Bay	2	1	8
Rose Evelyn	1	3	3
Gladiator	1	3	3
Advancing Time	1	2	2
Musketeer	1	2	2

WARWICK FARM H'CAP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Rowan	2	1	8
Catterick Bridge	1	1	4
Australian Prince	1	1	3
Springhill	1	1	2
Spring Hurst	1	1	1

STONECUTTERS H'CAP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Gay Star	2	1	6
Eve of Reason	2	1	5
Hillsboro Bay	1	1	4
Attacking Time	1	1	2
Hughes	1	1	1

WHITSUN HANDICAP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Far View	1	2	7
Sapper	1	1	6
Many Thanks	1	1	3
Viceroy	1	1	1
Vanity Fair	1	1	1

LEAD MINE H'CAP (SECOND SECTION)			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Strathannock	1	1	3
Commencement	1	1	3
Bay	1	1	3
Celtic Star	1	1	3
Scenic View	1	1	2
Silver Wings	1	1	2
Salvage Master	1	1	2
Clown	1	1	1
Chatterbox	1	1	1

SHATIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Wilber	1	1	6
Portrush	1	1	4
This Time	1	2	4
Sunlight View	1	1	3
West Lake	1	1	1

BONDI HANDICAP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Centre Court	2	1	8
Twilight Star	1	1	6
Roofly	1	1	2
Discovery Bay	1	1	1
Comedy Star	1	1	1

SHATIN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Double Chance	1	1	5
Valorous	1	1	4
Jack O'Lantern	1	1	3
Golden Cow	1	1	2
Gold Coin	1	1	2
Asot Vale	1	1	1
Talkative	1	1	1

SPENCER HANDICAP			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Income Tax	2	1	8
Shuttlecock	1	2	7
Brown Derby	1	2	7
Amber II	1	2	1

Charity Football Match To-day			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Recreo "B"	1	1	6
Craigengower	1	1	4
K.B.G.C.	1	1	3
K.F.C.	1	1	2
Recreo	1	1	2
Civil Service	1	1	1
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Musketeer	1	3	3
Rose Evelyn	1	3	3

### Warwick Farm H'cap

Rowan	2	1	8
Australian Prince	1	1	4
Springhill	1	1	3

### Stonecutters H'cap

Gay Star	2	1	6
Attacking Time	2	1	5
Eve of Reason	1	1	4

### Whitsun Handicap

Many Thanks	1	2	7
Far View	1	1	6
Sapper	1	1	3

### Lead Mine H'cap (Second Section)

Celtic Star	2	1	6
Salvage Master	2	1	5
Scenic View	1	1	4

### Shatin Handicap (First Section)

Portrush	1	2	7
Wilber	1	1	6
West Lake	1	1	3

### Bondi Handicap

Centre Court	2	1	8
Roofly	1	1	6
Twilight Star	1	1	2

### Shatin Handicap (Second Section)

Double Chance	1	1	5
Scenic View	1	1	4
Silver Wings	1	1	3

### Spencer Handicap

Income Tax	2	1	8
Shuttlecock	1	2	7
Brown Derby	1	2	7

### Daily Double Event

Celtic Star/Centre Court	1	1	1
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### SPORT ADVTS.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

### 2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1940.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Time Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

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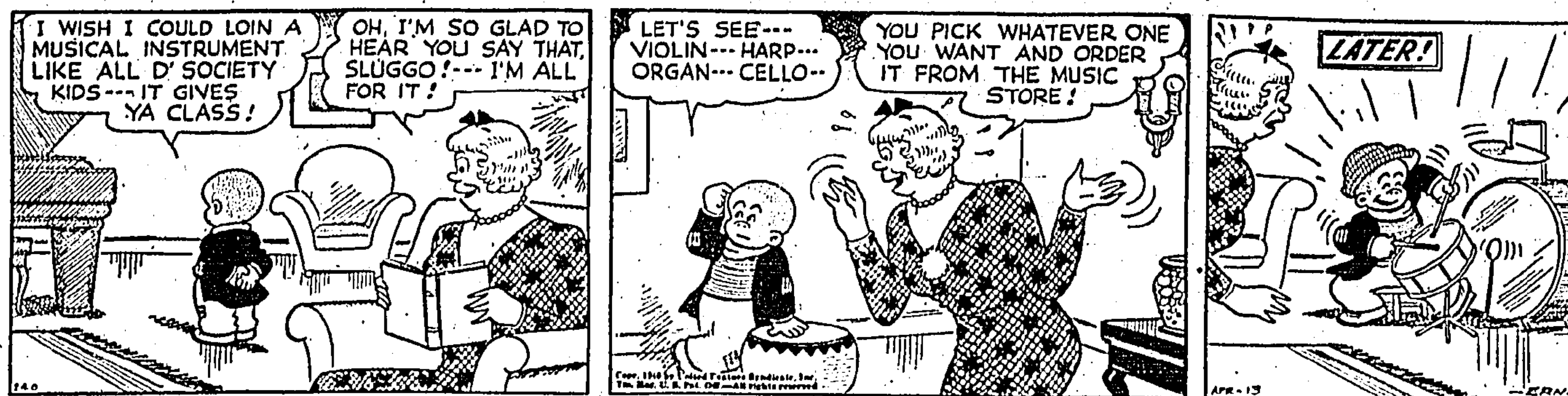
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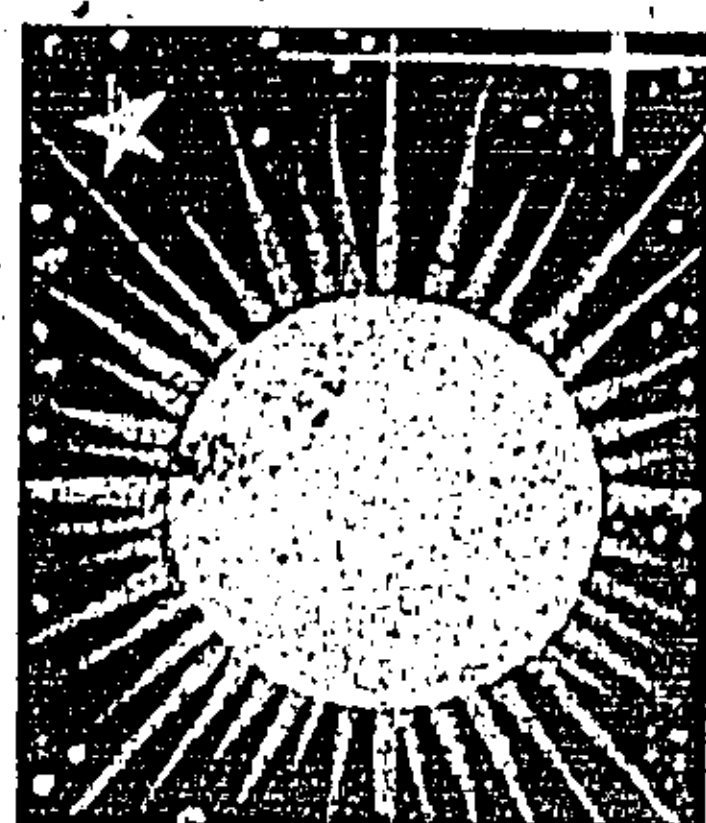
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## LIFE AND DEATH—1

# "RHYTHM of the UNIVERSE"



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THE Universe is unique. There is nothing else to compare it with; thus the answer to the query—What is the Universe? is simple and direct. It is a gesture with the thumb, and the words "This is it!"

To learn more about it than this, we have to examine its make-up, to work at it. In this way we learn to anticipate some of the changes that take place.

Now if you will think over it for a moment, you will realise that the power to foretell events is the power to see a pattern in them. The rising and setting of the sun, the motion of the planets, the boiling of water always at 100°, are illustrations of the kind of recurrence we call a pattern in events.

When scientific men say they have discovered a Law in Nature they mean they have discovered where to recognise, or how to make, a repeat pattern in the Universe. That is what they mean when they say—the same experiment always gives the same result. It is a scientific experiment when it repeats, and they can then anticipate the result. In this sense science is the modern substitute for prophecy.

But is not the Universe always changing, never exactly the same at two successive stages? History does not really repeat itself. Thus when we say we have found a repeat is exact, like the pattern made by a weaving machine on a carpet.

The Universe is not that kind of simple process. A scientific law describes a pattern, roughly like what happens in Nature; it is offered as a sort of tip about the future—a probable winner as it were, a statement that if you have to face a situation this is probably the pattern to look for.

There are people, for example, who watch the numbers and colours that appear on the roulette tables at Monte Carlo, trying to discover the law that the table shows in its behaviour, in order to use it to their advantage. They are trying to detect a pattern in the events so that they can have some probability of success. In a sense this is typical of all laws.

Different branches of science are concerned with different kinds of repeating patterns in the Universe. In biology, for instance, Mendel's Law tells us how, and in what proportions, certain features of the parents are passed on to the offspring. It tells of the patterns in the parents that are repeated in the children.

The sociologist is interested in the successive stages in civilised life that man has risen to, in his struggle

with environment. In spotting the similarities in successive stages he is watching the making of a pattern in social behaviour. The Theory of Evolution is such a law, both biological and social.

The chemist studies how different kinds of matter combine; he seeks the underlying scheme; he seeks the structure of complicated substances and shows how they are the result of more elementary patterns. In this way he has succeeded, himself, in making an enormous variety of synthetic substances that have been turned to a multitude of uses in civilised life, and in destroying civilised life.

If you will open any text-book on chemistry you will find it full of pictures and formulae showing the kinds of patterns and arrangements with which he is concerned. Groups of atoms, and chains of atoms, are his food and drink.

The physicist, at least in modern physics, is posed a different problem. Here it is the inside of the atom, into which the probe of the scientist is being pushed, with extraordinary results. Again there is disclosed a pattern, one of electric charges spinning in rings and dancing from one ring to another. Light, magnetism, wireless waves,



X-rays, all are involved in the process.

To understand them, not only do each of these separately exhibit a consistent pattern of behaviour, but together they interlock and interweave into a more intricate scheme.

Working in a region far below the range of the most powerful ultra-microscope, the physicist has to be content with a vast amount of indirect evidence and inference. Hence arises his Quantum Theory, his method of predicting the behaviour of these tiny sub-atomic particles that he succeeds with great



difficulty in punching from the heart of the atom.

Naturally at that level, such prophecies cannot be as exact as with larger and with more directly observable processes; they are presented with a larger margin of probability.

The astronomer works at the opposite scale of size. Mapping out the movements of the vast concourse of stars, and analysing their light with all the help that the physicist can bring to bear, he sees them as dwarfs or as giants, as stars at an early stage of development or as stars already ancient and decrepit. They fit into a plan, and new stars find their interpretation in terms of this scheme.

All motion is relative, and these enormous masses appear to be running rapidly and steadily away from each other and from us. The Universe is steadily and surely occupying more space. It is an expanding Universe. We can see its changing pattern.

The mathematician has spread himself into all fields, for he seeks to represent all scientific patterns in geometrical form; not for him the colour and music of Nature as man values it, but its shape and form, its structure only. It is a changing Universe, he says, and the fact of change in time cannot be separated off from the very fact of existence in three dimensions of space.

Space-time is the essential unity in terms of which Nature's laws must be expressed and explained. The Universe is thus fitted by him into a static picture in a space-time framework, a convenient mathematical scaffolding within which to accommodate the Universe whose secrets are being laid bare by the experimenters.

There are others busily hunting for patterns in unexpected places. We tend to forget that we are ourselves part of this Universe, not mere onlookers, but active agents changing, sometimes ruthlessly changing, the face of the world.

There are psychologists watching, and experimenting with our processes of thought, digging out the tacit assumptions we have inherited from our savage ancestry, and the fears and inhibitions that lurk, unrecognised by us, just below the surface. They seek a pattern in our behaviour, and in the workings of our brains.

These are the map makers of the Universe, and the maps that they produce are used by us, consciously or unconsciously, for good or ill, in the re-making of that part of the Universe that in its turn re-makes and re-shapes us.

## BRITISH REGIMENTS

### The GORDON HIGHLANDER

EVERY regiment in the British Army has its own particular niche in military history, but the Gordon Highlanders have a distinction that cannot be claimed by any other regiment. That distinction is association with a ghost.

The 1st Battalion of the regiment was raised in 1787 by the Duke of Gordon, and was then known as the 75th Foot. It was formed from the Duke's own clansmen and, according to legend, a guinea and a kiss were given to each recruit by the Duke, a woman of remarkable beauty. Whether that is true or not, the regiment was raised with amazing rapidity.

After her death, the memory of the Duchess was carefully preserved. She, in her turn, is said to keep eternal watch over the regiment, the ghost of a weeping woman with long, fair hair appearing over her grave whenever the Gordon Highlanders are threatened with danger. The ghost is said to have been seen before the battle of Magersfontein, when the regiment suffered tremendous losses.

IT is not many years since the land in which the Duchess lies buried came up for sale, and officers of the Gordon Highlanders subscribed the money to buy, for the regiment, that portion containing the grave.

Seven years after the formation of the 1st Battalion, the 2nd Battalion was raised by the Marquess of Huntly, and soon became known as the 92nd Foot. The two battalions were amalgamated in 1881.

These references to the regiments history are amplified in its battle honours, which include Mysore, Seringapatam, Almaraz, Vittoria, Waterloo, Delhi, 1857, Lucknow, Kandahar, Afghanistan, 1878-80, Nile 1898-5, and the Defence of Ladysmith.

In the Great War, in which 21 battalions of the regiment served, the Gordons fought at Mons, Le Cateau, Marne, 1914 and '18, Ypres, 1914, '18 and '17, Loos, Somme, 1918 and '18, Arras, 1918, 1917 and '18, Cambrai, 1917 and '18, and Vittoria Veneto.

ANOTHER famous episode occurred in 1813, when the Gordons were being attacked in the Pyrenees by French troops under Ney. The Highlanders had lost 400 men in withstanding four charges by the French, but at the end of ten hours their ranks were still unbroken.

They were then relieved, and were ordered to retire, but the pipe major stepped out in front of the Gordons, tucked the bagpipes under his arm and began to play that thrilling air, "March of the Gordons." Instead of retreating, the Gordons charged, and drove the French back more than a mile.

That air, however, is not the regimental tune. The Gordons now march to two regimental airs—"Cock O' the North" and "Highland Laddie." Their jaunty step and their traditional association with the beautiful Duchess of Gordon are responsible for the regimental nickname of "Gay Gordons."

MEN of the regiment are believed to have helped to carry the dying general, Sir John Moore, off the field at Corunna, and to this day the officers of the Gordons wear a black thread in their gold lace to commemorate Moore's death.

### The BORDER REGIMENT

THERE is now preserved in Kendal Church, England, the only Chinese standard to be captured by British troops in battle, and it was taken by men of the Border Regiment in the Chinese war of 1841-43.

The present regiment is the result of the amalgamation of two distinct and historic regiments—the 34th and the 55th Foot. What is now the first battalion was raised by Lord Lucas in 1702 and eventually became known as the 34th Foot. The second battalion, raised in 1755, was later known as the 55th Foot, and later still as the Westmorland Regiment. The two were amalgamated in 1881, and have been known ever since by the present title.

The laurel wreath was won at the historic battle of Fontenoy, where the 34th Foot covered the retreat of the British Army. The Dragon of China commemorates the part played by the 55th Foot in the Chinese war when, among other struggles, the regiment stormed Ching Kiang Foo in the face of a horde of Tartar braves.

THE most historic achievement of the 34th, however, was seen at Arroyo dos Molinos, in the Peninsular war. It was in 1811, during this campaign, that the regiment captured the entire 34th Regiment of France. Many interesting links with this are still kept alive today.

During this struggle, the drum-major of the British 34th seized the staff carried by his French equivalent, and marched out of action carrying it at the head of the regiment. To this day the French drums that were taken in the battle are trooped on its anniversary by drummer boys dressed in uniforms of the period.

For some time after, the 34th also sported on their headbands red and white pom-poms worn in the French style, the red being on top. The present regimental march of the Border Regiment is also a reminder of Arroyo dos Molinos, because it is a combination of that famous British song "John Peel" and the regimental march of the French regiment.

THE Border Regiment is the only unit in the British Army to include Arroyo dos Molinos in its battle honours and when, in the Great War, the regiment went into action on the anniversary of that battle, the troops charged to the cry "Remember Arroyo."

In all, 16 battalions of the Border Regiment fought in the Great War of 1914-1918.

Among its many battle honours are the names of campaigns that will always live in the world's military annals. They include Havannah, St. Lucia, 1778, Arroyo dos Molinos (Peninsula), Vittoria, Alma, Inkerman, Lucknow, Relief of Ladysmith, South Africa, 1899-1902, and Afghanistan, 1919.

In the Great War the Border Regiment fought at Ypres, 1914, '15, '17 and '18, the Somme, 1916 and '18, Arras, 1917 and '18, Cambrai, 1917 and '18, Macedonia, 1915-18, and at Gallipoli, 1915-16.

The regiment has two nicknames, one of which applies to the former 34th Foot and the other to the former 55th Foot. The 34th are known as "The Cattle Reeves" and the 55th as "The Two Flies." The reason for the latter is obvious. The origin of the former is not so well known, though the word "Reeves," now almost extinct, formerly referred to stewards or officers with authority over certain trades or districts.

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## LETTERS Goering Is

### Germany's No. 1 Mystery

GOERING Germany's No. 2 Nazi, is rapidly becoming Germany's No. 1 Mystery.

Goering the open, the frank, the affable—and the arrogant and ruthless—has suddenly turned reticent, hidden, secretive, spending his days in retirement at his country estate in Schorheide making no public appearances, making no speeches taking, apparently, no part in the war of which he is Germany's chief organizer.

#### "Sitting on Fence"

Why? All Germany and a good part of Europe are asking the question anxiously, for upon the answer may depend Germany's course in the next few months.

Speculation is rampant. It is suggested that he is in disgrace with Hitler; that he is "sitting on the fence" between the pro and anti-Russian factions in the Army and the Nazi Party; that he is sulking.

Madame Tabouls suggests in the "Oeuvre" that Goering's retirement is connected with the kidnapping of Mr. Best and Mr. Stevens in what has become known as "the Venlo incident."

In other quarters it is thought that Goering does not approve of the German official attitude of "benevolence towards the Russian invasion of Finland."

#### Swedish Friends

In this connection it may or may not be significant that Karl von Rosen, brother of Goering's very dearly loved first wife, is Swedish.

Goering himself has many friends among Swedish industrialists.

Whatever the reason for Goering's temporary obscurity, it is politically important. He is still very popular in Germany, he is still the named heir to Hitler's Leadership, he is still, next to Hitler, the most powerful Nazi. He is too strong to "purge."

What course of action he eventually decides upon may quite well also determine Germany's course in the next few months of war.



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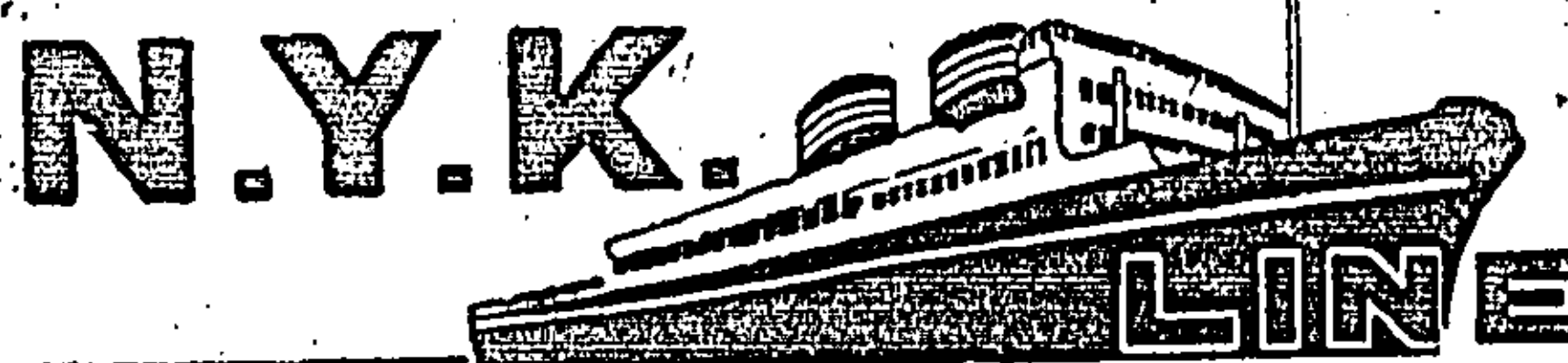
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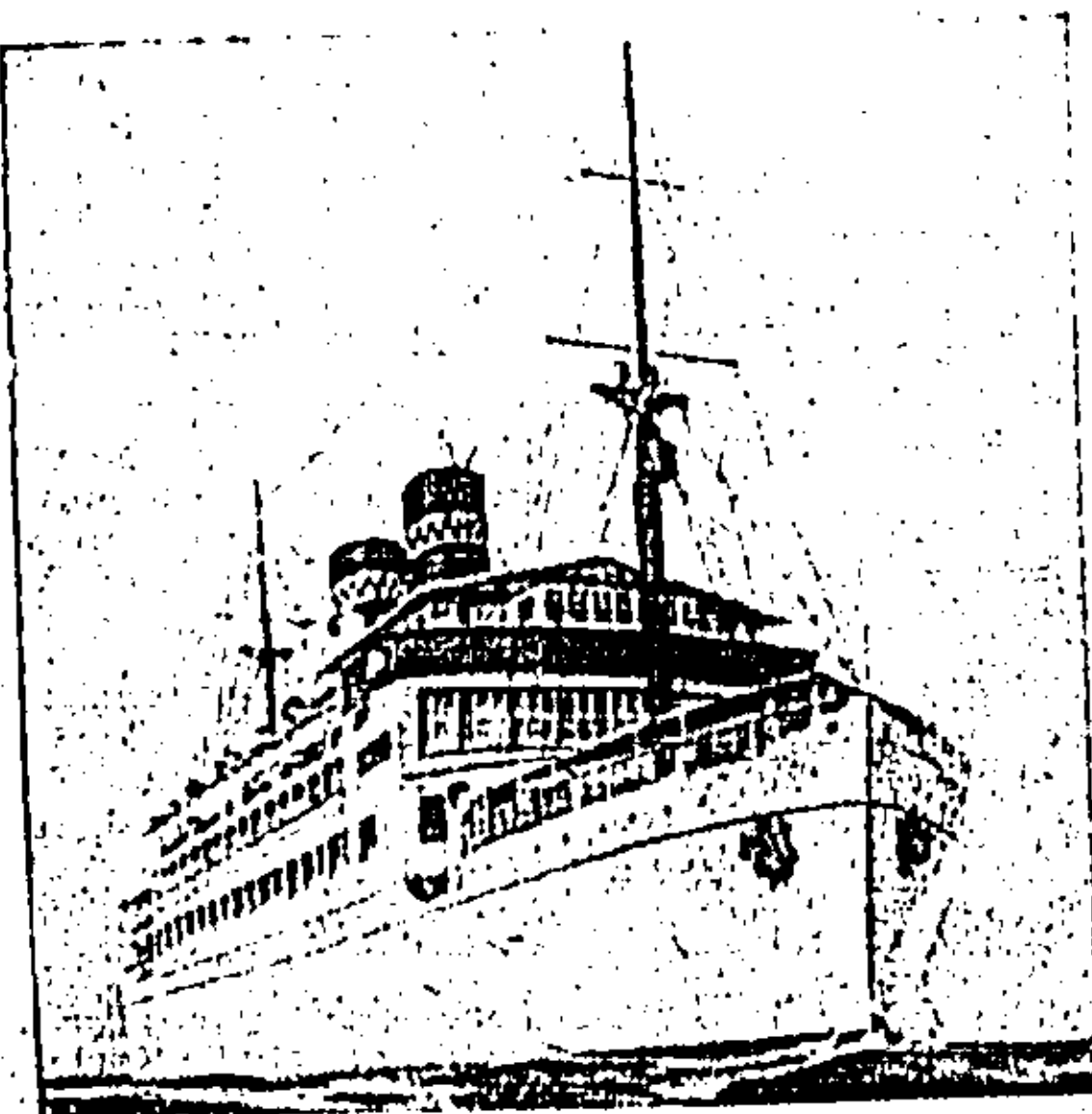
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ONCE more in their long history, a history that has earned for them the title of "Cockpit of Europe," the Lowland are invaded.

From the mouth of the River Ems to the hilly borders of Luxembourg a million or more men are ready to meet the invasion.

More than half of them are Belgians, sons of the men who fought desperately to stem the German advance of 1914, in some cases the men themselves.

The remainder are the Dutch, a people who have known peace for years, but who are resolutely determined to defend the neat farms and tulip fields that are somehow characteristic of Holland's tradition of neutrality.

Once again David faces Goliath.

WHAT are the chances of Holland and Belgium, invaded yesterday. The best answer comes from a study of the map.

Holland has a long and difficult German frontier to defend, and cannot hope to keep the German armies away from all her territory. She must concentrate her main energies on the defence of the areas with the greatest population, and the best natural protection, the areas, incidentally, Germany is invading from the air.

The frontier fortifications are very much stronger to-day than they were in those critical days of last November. But the provinces to the east of the Zuider Zee could not hold out for long against German attack. The first real line of defence is along the River Vess, running north and south from the eastern corner of that great enclosed sea roughly to where the Rhine enters Dutch territory.

Behind that line would come two north and south stretches of flooded territory, the one from the extreme southern point of the Zuider Zee to these great east and west defences, the rivers Vess, Meuse and Lek; the other southwards near the Meuse

roughly to the German frontier where that narrow strip of Holland, the "Limburg appendix," separates Belgium from Germany.

Farther west again, from the western corner of the Zuider Zee, is another area to be flooded, so that the small but densely-populated area of "Fortress Holland" could still hold out—in "Fortress Holland" are Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Haarlem, The Hague and other cities of importance.

Much of Holland, then, would be overrun, but with mighty rivers flowing east to west and wide flood stretching south and north, that part of Holland closest to Great Britain should be able to resist the fiercest German attacks.

Turn now to the map of Belgium. The German-Belgium frontier is short, hilly and well-wooded—excellent territory to defend. But the Belgians must fear attack through the southern Holland, for the territory between Nijmegen and Maastrecht, despite the defences of the Meuse and the flooded area, could not hold out as successfully as "Fortress Holland."

Therefore, the Belgians have concentrated upon the fortification of the Albert Canal, which links the great industrial city of Liege with Antwerp and the sea. Here are the lines of defence of which the country might be proud; and the Belgians know that if they were attacked, British and French troops are ready to cross the French frontier at several points to reinforce their Army.

The Belgians, then, can best be helped if they hold the Albert Canal, but the Dutch can best be helped if they evacuate large portions of their country and retire to "Fortress Holland," so close to British reinforcements by air and sea.

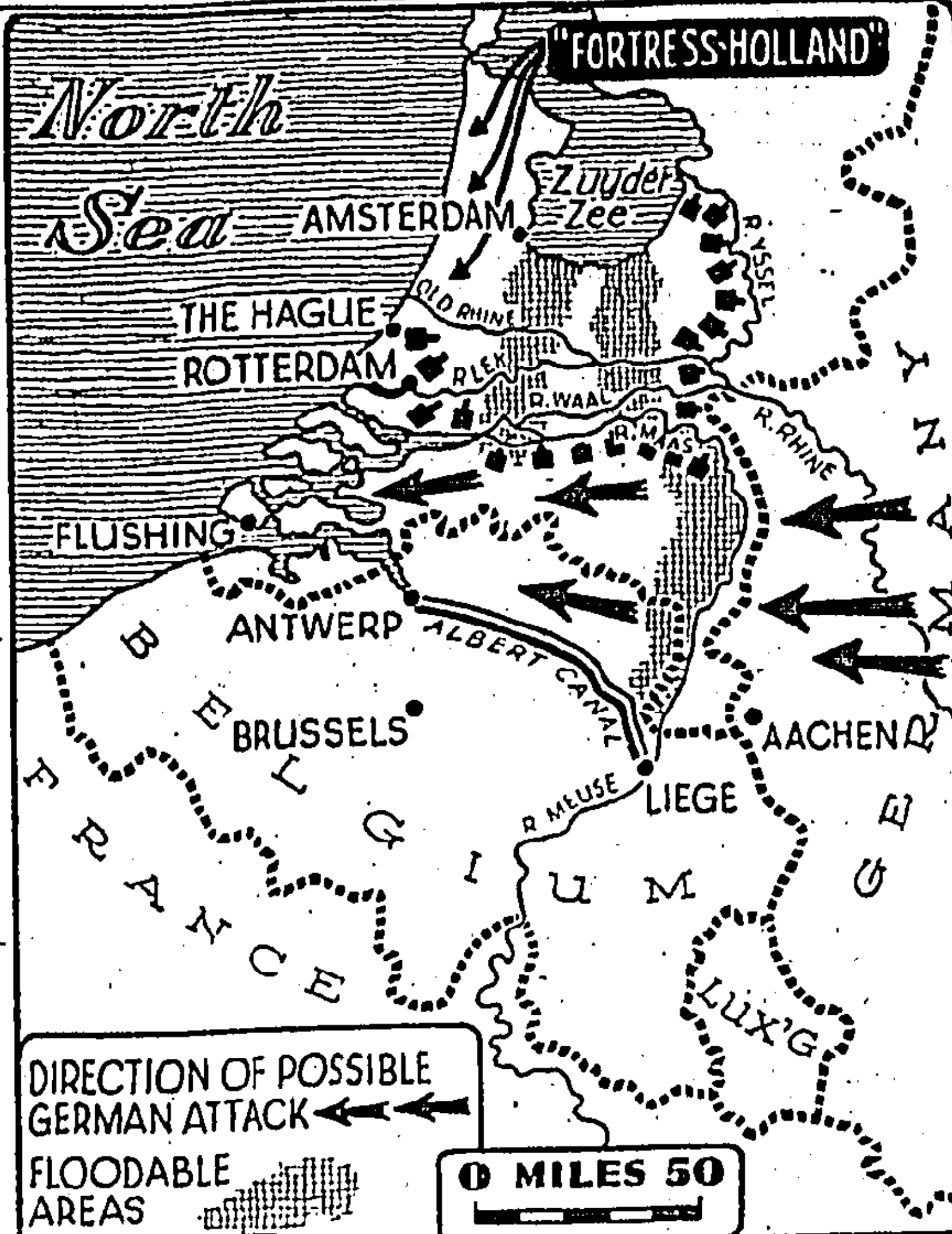
But that leaves a triangle, less easily defended than the rest, with its base along the Southern Dutch-German frontier and its apex either Antwerp or Flushing; and it is in this triangle that the German divisions might try to repeat their successes in Poland. From Antwerp or Flushing Hitler might be able to extend his control of the coast, and his possibilities of attacking his one real enemy in this war, Great Britain.

But the odds against his success are so much greater to-day than they were in November—for Belgium and Holland, as well as Great Britain and France, have been making preparations in the intervening months. Take one last look at that map. The armies, advancing along the corridor from Aix-la-Chapelle towards the sea, would be harassed from north and south.

The Dutch in the north and the Belgians in the south would be wise to advance beyond their excellent natural lines of fortification. But the aeroplane now has an opportunity such as it has never had before, and the Germans have learned, from their own successes in Poland, how demoralising air attack can be along undefended roads.

Hitler has never feared to take risks, and until he allowed Ribbentrop to persuade him that he could invade Poland with impunity he found justification in the results. But never yet has he faced risks to be compared with his present attack on Holland.

BOTH in Holland and Belgium it is realised that the two armies, notwithstanding the assistance of natural defences, provide, cannot hope alone to withhold the German advance for more than a limited time.



## Hitler's Blitzkrieg in the Lowlands must be a DESPERATE THROW

There is, however, one important factor in the Lowlands' defence dispositions. Her own history and the tragedies that have befallen small States in the past few years have taught Belgium to prepare for the worst.

Holland, which for 100 years has avoided war, has been kept fully informed by her neighbour of threatening developments. The element of surprise which enabled the Kaiser's Uhlans to stream across the Belgian border in 1914 did not catch the Dutch napping yesterday.

Belgium knows that Britain and France are pledged by the Treaty of Locarno to go to her aid and although Locarno is now a dead letter, the Allies will certainly act.

The main defence, therefore, is to check the invading force until such time as help could come.

Along Belgium's frontier have been built tiny concrete pill-boxes holding one or two marksmen only. The men who man these pill-boxes have sworn to die rather than let the enemy pass.

Behind the pill-boxes are trenches masked by "asparagus" beds for tanks. Some miles behind the trenches are Belgium's main defences, the rivers and canals.

In the north is the King Albert Canal, more than 100 yards wide, with steep, deep banks. Along its length are a series of pill-boxes, 200-mile long south bank lies a line of low businesslike looking forts whose concrete and steel walls are believed to be capable of standing up to any bombardment.

From Liege, itself heavily fortified, run three lines of similar forts, most important of them being that along the rugged banks of the River Meuse.

Taking of this defence line, one humorist said that anyone trying to break through it would need three suits. One, a climbing outfit to scale the steep river banks; then a diver's suit to cross the water; and finally a suit of heavy armour to get anywhere near the forts.

A few years ago Belgium's Air Force was a pathetic handful of rather old-fashioned planes. To-day the armadas of the Great Powers, but its commander, Major-General Duijck, regards it as a swarm with a vicious sting.

Holland's fighting forces, perhaps because they have not fought for so long, are something of an unknown quantity. Last time the Dutch fought in Europe was in 1831, when they conducted a brief 10 days campaign in connection with the separation of Belgium from Holland.

The system of flooding is well known; not so well known are Holland's skating infantry, armed with light natural lines of fortification. day play the same role in Holland that the crack skiers are playing in Norway to-day.

Unlike Belgium (which has one, a fishery protection vessel) Holland has a fleet.

It consists of five cruisers carrying 6-inch guns, one coastal defence ship (11-inch guns), eight destroyers (with four building), 12 torpedo boats (with 32 building), 21 submarines found justification in the results. But never yet has he faced risks to be compared with his present attack on Holland.

Her fleet is ninth largest in the world. Almost as important as the army is the potential defence force provided by the Dutch population. All civilians between the ages of 18 and 60 are liable to be called upon to assist the military authorities.

They may be called upon to repair damaged roads, bridges and railways damaged by bombs; to build or pull down fortifications; to build and dig watercourses, help in the reinforcement of dykes and canal banks.

Like Belgium, Holland's Air Force is small but efficient, consisting largely of the famous Fokker planes.

These are the armies, small but highly-trained, equipped with the latest weapons of war, which go out to meet the invading Huns.

## ABORTIVE RAIDS

### German Planes Driven Off English Coast

London, May 10. The German air force this morning carried out mass air raids upon Paris and the Thames estuary near London.—Dome.

### Thames Estuary Raid

London, May 10. Anti-aircraft guns became active at several points of the Thames Estuary when five planes, believed to be Heinkel bombers, were seen flying in an easterly direction.

Firing was particularly heavy after the raiders had passed over Essex. The planes were fired on by the A.A. guns of Channel ships as well as shore batteries. British fighters took to the air, but it is believed they did not establish contact with the invaders.

Very intensive firing has been heard from the direction of the French coast in the vicinity of Grisez.—United Press.

### Bombs Near Canterbury

London, May 10. It is learned that four incendiary bombs were dropped at Chatham, near Canterbury, early to-day. The report is confirmed by a captain of the Royal Engineers searchlight unit.—Reuter.

### Shrapnel in Streets

London, May 10. The Thames Estuary experienced the heaviest anti-aircraft activity since the war began. The firing shook buildings and shrapnel fell in the streets of riverside towns.—United Press.

### Planes Over Channel

London, May 10. Planes were over the Channel at dawn and gunfire and explosions, believed to have been bombs, were heard for an hour and a half. No air-raid warnings were sounded.—United Press.

An eye-witness at the Thames Estuary said that five planes flying at 10,000 feet in arrowhead formation were engaged by anti-aircraft guns, after which they turned around and disappeared towards the sea.

Residents in south-eastern coastal towns were awakened by anti-aircraft guns, apparently on the French coast, after which several planes, flying high, were sighted off the coast. High anti-aircraft pom-poms were heard and shells could be seen bursting near the planes. They then disappeared.—United Press.

### Nazi Planes Downed

London, May 10. The Air Ministry announced that while on patrol over the North Sea yesterday, aircraft of the Coastal Command engaged two enemy flying boats one of which was shot down and the other severely damaged.—Reuter.

## NAVAL WEDDING AT SHAMEEN



The French Church at Shameen recently was the scene of a naval wedding when Miss Doris Drake became the bride of Lieut. A. J. T. Harris of one of H.M. ships. This picture shows the bride and groom leaving the church under an archway of drawn swords, the compliment being paid by the bridegroom's colleagues.

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### SPAIN TAKES ACTION

Gibraltar, May 10. The Spanish Government has called up six naval classes of the ages of 24 to 30.  
Naval circles officially deny that the Straits are closed.—United Press.

### Dutch Take Steps

Mr. J. H. van der Laan, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, said the invasion would not affect the position of the two Dutch banks in the Colony. "However bad the position may be," he declared, "it will not affect the two Dutch banks here, as steps to meet such an emergency have already been taken."

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cession.

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12.50 Songs by Grace Fields.  
1.0 Local Time Signal and  
Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by the New  
Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press,  
Weather Forecast and Announce-  
ments.

1.45 Noel Coward in Musical  
Comedy.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Compositions of Wagner.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quota-  
tions.

6.47 A Light French Programme  
with Yvonne Printemps.

7.15 Magyar Imre & His Hun-  
garian Gypsy Orchestra.  
You Gave Me The First Kiss; In  
The Cafe with Glistening Mirrors.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Request Variety Programme.

8.45 London Relay—"At the  
Black Dog".

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.

9.30 Local sport results.

9.32 Robinson Cleaver at the  
Organ.

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"Poor  
Folly".

A Sketch.

10.00 More Variety Requests.

11.00 London Relay—"London Log".

11.15 Dance Music.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

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10.35 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

10.15-11.15 a.m. Relay of Morning  
Service from the Methodist Church.

12.15 p.m. Mozart—Sonata in A  
Major.

Edwin Fischer (Piano).

12.32 B.B.C. Recording—"Writing  
Biography".

Talk by Philip Guedalla.

12.45 Marek Weher and His Or-  
chestra.

In The Temple of the Bells—Study  
of Feking (Yoshitomo); Chinese  
Fairy Tales—Character; Sketch  
(Dreyer, arr. Yoshitomo); Potpourri  
of Waltzes (Robrecht).

1 Local Time Signal and Weather  
Report.

1.03 Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) and  
Dennis Noble (Baritone) in an Old  
English Programme.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby, Weather  
Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Schubert—Symphony No. 9  
in C Major—London Symphony Or-  
chestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

2.30 Close down.

7.0 Half an hour of Selumann.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.B.C. Recording—"The VII-  
lage Concert". A Programme devel-  
oped by Frederick Griewood and Pre-  
sented by William Madure.

8.32 Light Orchestral Music.

8.45 Magazine Feature Programme  
No. 1. Recorded talks by Captain  
Coleman, of the Port of London Au-  
thority, by a Newfoundland Fisher-  
man on "Training for Minesweeping"  
and by B.B.C. Observer on new  
"Lyander" Aircraft.

9.01 Elgar—Froissart Overture.

Op. 19. London Philharmonic Or-  
chestra conducted by Sir Edward  
Elgar.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.

9.30 London Relay—"Despatch  
from the Front".

9.45 A Chopin Recital by Arthur  
Rubinstein (Piano).

10.10 Organ Music.

Andantino in D Flat (Lemare) ..  
Edwin H. Lemare.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening  
Epilogue.

10.35 Close down.



**KICKING OUT THE CUCKOO EGGS**  
(Neutral countries in Europe are purging the fifth column plotters)

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

THOSE who listened to Pro-  
fessor Koht, Norway's For-  
eign Minister, as he spoke over  
the BBC network on Tuesday  
night, must have been impressed  
by his almost poignant sincerity  
and the emotional stress under  
which he laboured.

To me, he seemed to be trying to  
marshal his thoughts after an ex-  
perience which still left him dazed.  
Norway's intense desire to main-  
tain the strictest neutrality in the  
earlier days is all the better under-  
stood in the light of subsequent  
events for, as Koht stated, what  
hope had a small and almost im-  
poverished country of only three million  
people against the ruthless war  
machine of Germany? Norway's  
heroic stand will be handed down  
as one of the finest in the world's  
history.

### Retreat from Norway

THOSE who showed signs of  
drooping their tails when the  
Allied withdrawal from Norway  
was announced failed miserably  
to realise what our forces were  
up against.

In the first place, the task of  
establishing defensive positions on  
frozen terrain is in itself stupen-  
dous, and those who remember the  
winter of 1917-18 in France and  
Flanders, will sympathise with the  
gallant troops in Norway, who, in  
carrying out their duty, had little  
chance of preparing adequate cover  
against incessant bombing and artil-  
lery barrages.

That they were able to execute  
a strategic retreat is a fine tribute  
to the discipline of the men and the  
ability of the Officers who com-  
manded them.

### Germans in Hongkong

COMPLAINTS are being  
directed at Government for  
promulgating measures in the  
interest of safety.

Proclaiming certain water-front  
to be protected areas has brought  
forth protests from some quar-  
ters.

Why? The fact that we have  
many Germans in the Colony, free  
to carry on their normal vocations  
(and the normalcy may well be of  
a particularly undesirable nature)  
is in itself a very good reason why  
restrictions on the free movement of  
people should be imposed.

Indeed, I, for one, cannot under-  
stand why we should permit enemy  
subjects their freedom here.

When Germans were interned,  
some British people almost fell over  
themselves in hastening to assure  
the authorities that they (the Ger-  
mans) are most desirable people, and  
should be granted freedom. Guar-  
antees for good behaviour were freely  
forthcoming.

Reminds me of those peculiar  
people who love to keep lions and  
tigers as pets, and assure their neigh-  
bours that they won't bite. They  
invariably realise their mistake in  
the long-run.

If the authorities really wish to  
give Germans their freedom, let  
them do so by all means, as long as  
the freedom is not enjoyed in a Brit-  
ish Colony. In other words, let  
them enjoy their liberty under any  
flag but the Union Jack.

### Peak Woodmen

A FRIEND of mine had the  
"privilege" of observing a  
Police raid on wood-cutters on  
Sunday last, and is convinced  
that more drastic steps are re-  
quired if the scandal is to be  
checked.

The raid took place on the Peak  
at the western end of the Island, and  
some half a dozen men, in plain  
clothes certainly had a busy time,  
and, according to my informant, did  
extremely well in "bagging" about  
thirty thieves.

For each one caught, however,  
probably two escaped thus giving an  
idea of the wholesale scale upon  
which this thieving is conducted.

It would surely be possible to erect  
barbed wire enclosures at the foot of

hilly wooded districts, and arrest the  
gangs as they descend to various  
parts of the city to sell their wood.

Obviously, the number of Police or  
Forestry Guards is inadequate to  
cope with the thousands engaged in  
this work, but if effective action is  
not taken, the Colony will soon be  
denuded of its forestry. In many  
districts the denudation is already  
completed.

### The Prime Minister

I am writing this on Friday  
night when a certain amount of  
dissension with the conduct of  
the war has been expressed in  
the Houses of Commons and  
Lords.

Mr. Chamberlain has found himself  
under the cross fire of criticism, and  
together with the First Lord of the  
Admiralty has overcome what was  
tantamount to a vote of censure.

Whatever the final judgment will  
be, Mr. Chamberlain will go down in  
history as the man who humiliated  
himself in his striving for peace. His  
visits to Munich, although fruitless,  
were gestures of honesty of purpose  
which won general admiration.

Whether he was sufficiently astute  
to deal with a man of Hitler's type is  
a question which naturally arises.  
Reflection serves to carry thoughts  
back to the days of Ramsay Mac-  
donald and Baldwin, when Britain  
set out to disarm in the ill-founded  
belief that such an example would  
be welcomed and followed by others.

The dove of peace then liberated  
was scoffed at by Germany, who  
responded to the overture by releas-  
ing the culture of war.

Chamberlain cannot be blamed for  
this, and there is no doubt that  
British peoples appreciate his position  
and sympathise with him.

Sentiment will not do, however.  
The British policy to-day must be  
ruthlessly aggressive, for only by  
such unswerving intention, will Ger-  
many be crushed. Perhaps it would  
be better for Mr. Chamberlain, who,  
after all, has passed his three score  
years and ten, to retire into that rest  
he so richly deserves. Especially  
when he will be the first to realise  
no man is indispensable, the more so  
when his continuance to hold office  
is not unanimously approved.

### "Cribbed" Dept.

THE Muncie (Ind.) Times-Courier-  
Globe

Thinks Europe's plight requires a  
probe.

The Herald-World of Hicksville  
(Mass.)

Says things are at a pretty pass.

The Athens (Ky.) News-Standard-  
Journal

Thinks Europe's state is quite  
internal.

A point repeated with a will  
By the Post-Standard Bismarck  
(Ill.).

And rammed home daily, hit or  
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By the Times-Post of Thora (Wis.):  
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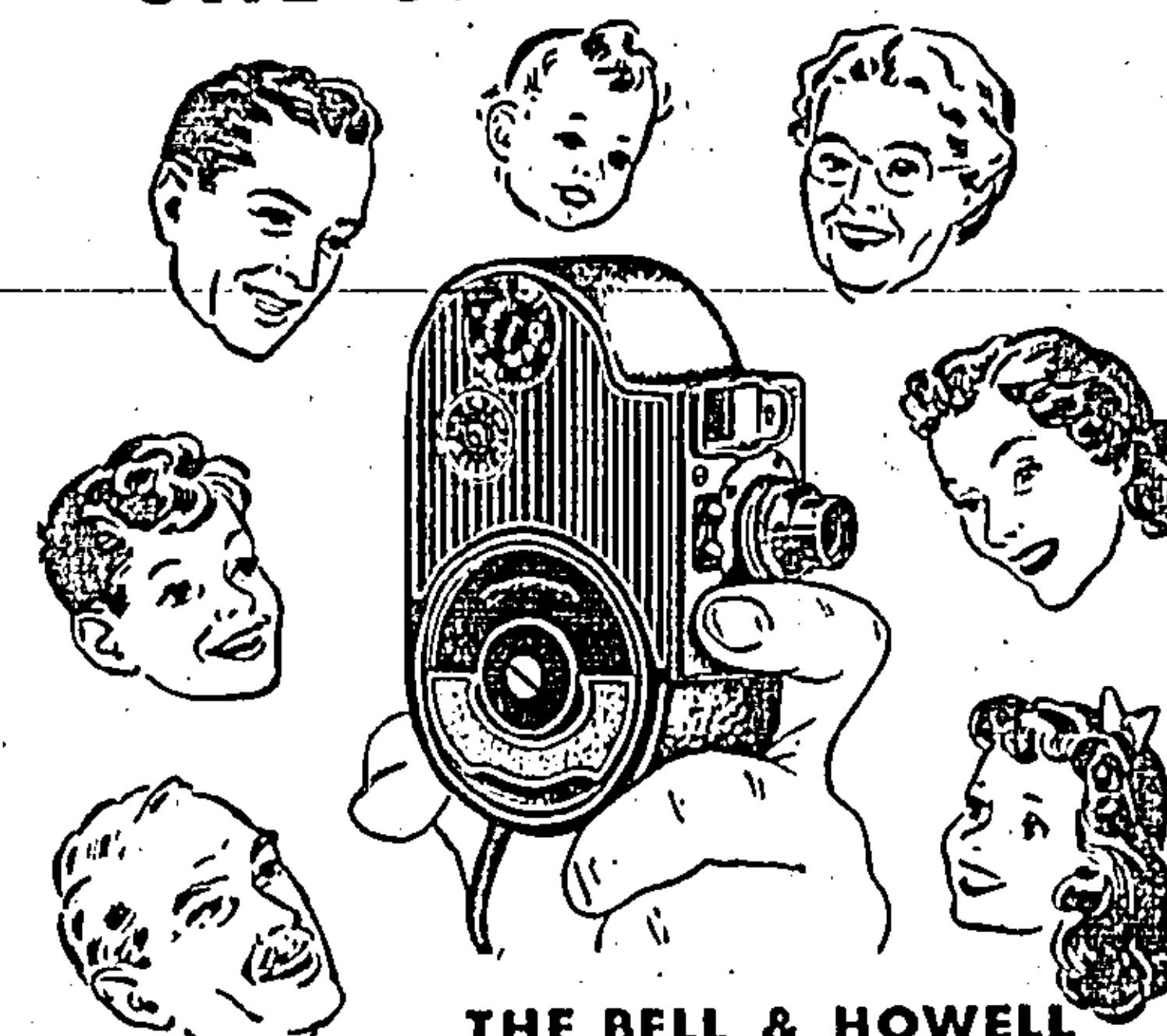
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# LATE NEWS

## BRITONS WARNED Must Be Ready For Anything

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Fresh instructions to Britain's civilian populations were issued yesterday as a result of the invasion of the Lowlands.

We must all be prepared, states the announcements from the Minister of Home Security.

Carry your gasmasks with you always from now on.

If you think that they are not in perfect condition, consult your warden at once.

If the civilians in the open cannot get shelter they must lie down and cover their heads with their arms.

**Black-Out Hints**  
Another announcement concerns lights. It warns people not to forget the windows at the back of houses and sky-lights.

It is the duty of everyone to see that all the lights for which they are responsible are obscured so as to be invisible from outside, says the announcement.

If an air raid alarm is sounded all torches and car headlights must be promptly extinguished.

A further announcement states that sentries have been posted to guard the vulnerable points. They will challenge anyone coming near. If their challenge is not answered they will fire.

## SWISS APPEAL FOR CALM

BERNE, May 10 (Reuter).—The President of Switzerland gave a broadcast this afternoon on all national stations.

He called on the country to keep calm and warned the people that the situation was dangerous.

The war, he said, had seized upon new and pitiful victims.

Three friendly countries had been dragged into the war.

**Safe For Present**  
Switzerland was at present still safe but he emphasised that the situation created by the invasion of the Lowlands was serious.

"We must be ready," he said. "The entry of foreigners will be more strictly watched, passenger and goods traffic will be strictly controlled and the Swiss Army on the frontiers will be placed on a war footing on Saturday."

"You will understand and appreciate these precautions," he continued. "They are absolutely indispensable. The troops will do their duty whatever happens, the civilians will do theirs."

## Oppositionists Arrested

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—Leon Degrelle, leader of the Belgian Rexist (Fascist) Party and Decler, leader of the Flemish Nationalist Party, were arrested to-day.

Two Flemish Nationalist Deputies, Tollenaere and Grammens, are also reported to have been arrested.

## General Gamelin Issues Appeal

PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—General Gamelin has issued an order of the day to the troops urging them to "have courage, energy and confidence in this war to the death which was launched by Germany."

The text of the order reads: "The attack which we have foreseen since last October was launched this morning. Germany is engaged in a war to the death against us. The password for France and all her Allies is 'Courage, energy and confidence.'"

## Nazi Reverse In Norway Troops In Bad Plight In the North

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
STOCKHOLM, May 10 (UP).

Military circles continue to report that Norwegian troops at Bjoernfell have succeeded in driving off Germans while attempting to dynamite the railway line from Narvik to the Swedish frontier.

The reports indicate that the Norwegians are working to a close programme with the Allied pincer movement bearing down on Bjoernfell from the north and south, intending completely to surround Narvik from the land side, and to cut off the Germans from the only possible line of retreat to Sweden.

**NAZIS CAPTURE MAASTRICHT**

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is officially announced in Berlin that German troops crossed the southern tip of Holland's "appendix," seized the town of Maastricht, crossed the River Meuse at several points and occupied the bridges on the Albert Canal.

**More Attacks On Brussels**

BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—There were further air attacks on Brussels this afternoon and anti-aircraft guns were firing continuously.

Two air raid warnings were given.

Mercia and Billy

p.p.c.

**Allied Raid On Freiburg, Report**

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is officially stated in Berlin that 24 civilians were killed during an attack by Allied aircraft on the "open town" of Freiburg.

"The German air force will now answer back in like manner."

"Any further systematic enemy raid on the German population will be returned by a five-fold number of German planes on a British or French town."

**R.A.F. BOMBING NAZI FORCES**

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that R.A.F. aircraft to-day have undertaken offensive operations against the aerodromes occupied by the enemy in Holland.

During last night, an aircraft dropped several incendiary bombs in the country district of Kent. It has now been established by examination that these bombs were of enemy origin.

## NAZI LAND AT ROTTERDAM

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—An American correspondent reports that the Germans have landed a number of troops at Rotterdam after almost completely destroying the flying field and aerodrome near the city.

The Dutch troops are holding the right bank of the river which the Germans have been unable to cross.

The Germans are holding the left bank and have also landed at other points on the same side.

The correspondent reports heavy fighting within the city.

Baricades have been set up in the city. Even tramways are being used.

**Royal Thanks**

THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuter).—The Queen's satisfaction at the manner in which the troops are resisting the Germans is expressed in the order of the day issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

## FRENCH CROSS FRONTIER

PARIS, May 10 (Reuter).—M. PAUL REYNAUD, THE FRENCH PREMIER, BROADCASTING TO-NIGHT, SAID THAT FRENCH TROOPS CROSSED THE FRONTIER INTO BELGIUM BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 7 A.M.

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## British Authorities Issue New Instructions To Civilians As—

# THREAT OF GERMAN ATTACK ON ENGLAND THOUGHT IMMINENT

## MASS RAIDS ON CITIES ANTICIPATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, MAY 10 (UP).—THE CONTINENTAL DREAM OF AN INVASION OF THE BRITISH ISLES MAY BE NEARER TO-DAY THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST NINE CENTURIES.

THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY ALIVE TO THE DANGER OF A GERMAN INVASION AS THE RESULT OF THEIR ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE LOWLANDS, AND PRECAUTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO MEET ANY THREAT, EITHER FROM THE SEA OR THE AIR.

The Home Office last night issued a warning that "Every person should be on the lookout for troops attempting to land by parachute in Britain."

Simultaneously the War Office issued an announcement stating that sentries have been posted at all vulnerable points in the British Isles. They have been ordered to shoot anybody failing to answer their challenge.

Arrangements have been completed for the re-evacuation of half a million school-children from London.

It is believed, almost certain, that Germany will shortly launch mass air attacks on British cities and ports.

**Must Be Prepared**  
The following fresh instructions were issued to British civilian populations as a result of the invasion of the Lowlands.

"Carry your gasmasks with you always from now on."  
"If you think that they are not in perfect condition, consult your warden at once."

"If you are trapped in the open during an air raid and cannot get shelter you must lie down and cover your head with your arms."

A second announcement states that black-out precautions are to be intensified and all lights must be completely invisible from the outside.

"If an air raid alarm is sounded all torches and car headlights must be promptly extinguished."

**Hitler's Plan**  
It is believed in London that the invasion of the Low countries is primarily designed, not so much to outflank the Maginot Line, but to obtain aerial and naval bases from which an attack could be launched on England.

If the Germans seize Belgium and Dutch aerodromes they will be, in some places, only 125 miles from London.

By securing naval bases on the Dutch and Belgian coast Hitler would also be able to operate much more freely with his submarines, with which, presumably, he will make a gigantic effort to starve out England.

Although this is believed to be Hitler's primary objective the invasion of the Lowlands will also threaten France by a broad turning movement such as was employed in 1914.

## ITALIANS GIVE NAZI VERSION

ROME, May 10, (Reuter).—Special editions of the noon-day Italian press appeared on the streets at 10.30 a.m. to-day. Papers gave the German propaganda version of the attack on the Lowlands.  
"The Italian people have been told that Germany has again beaten the Allies to their objective. Some papers go so far as to claim that the Germans are holding Brussels and that the British Expeditionary Force has been in Holland since last Sunday night."

## WESTERN FRONT WAR TO START

### Huge Armies Soon To Clash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
THERE IS NOW NO DOUBT, says a United Press message, that the great Western Front offensive for which the world has waited for over eight months is now imminent.

Over a million British and French troops are already in Belgium and Holland, and they are expected to contact the invading German forces within 24 hours.

All leave for the British and French armies and air forces has been suspended, and Officers and men now on leave have been recalled to their posts.

**Secret Plan**  
It is announced by Belgium that the Allies have put their pre-arranged plan for the defence of the Lowlands into immediate effect.

The plan, says "United Press," is most secret, but it is known that mobile Allied forces can effectively join the Belgian and Dutch in the eastern Lowlands within 12 hours.

The greatest battle is expected to take place along the Meuse-Albert Canal line, where the Belgians are already holding any German advance.

Since this morning, hundreds of khaki-clad columns have been moving with smooth efficiency towards the east, says "Reuter."

**Gamelin's Message**  
As the Armies marched to the succour of the latest victims of Nazi aggression, General Gamelin, the Allied Supreme Commander, issued the following Order of the Day:

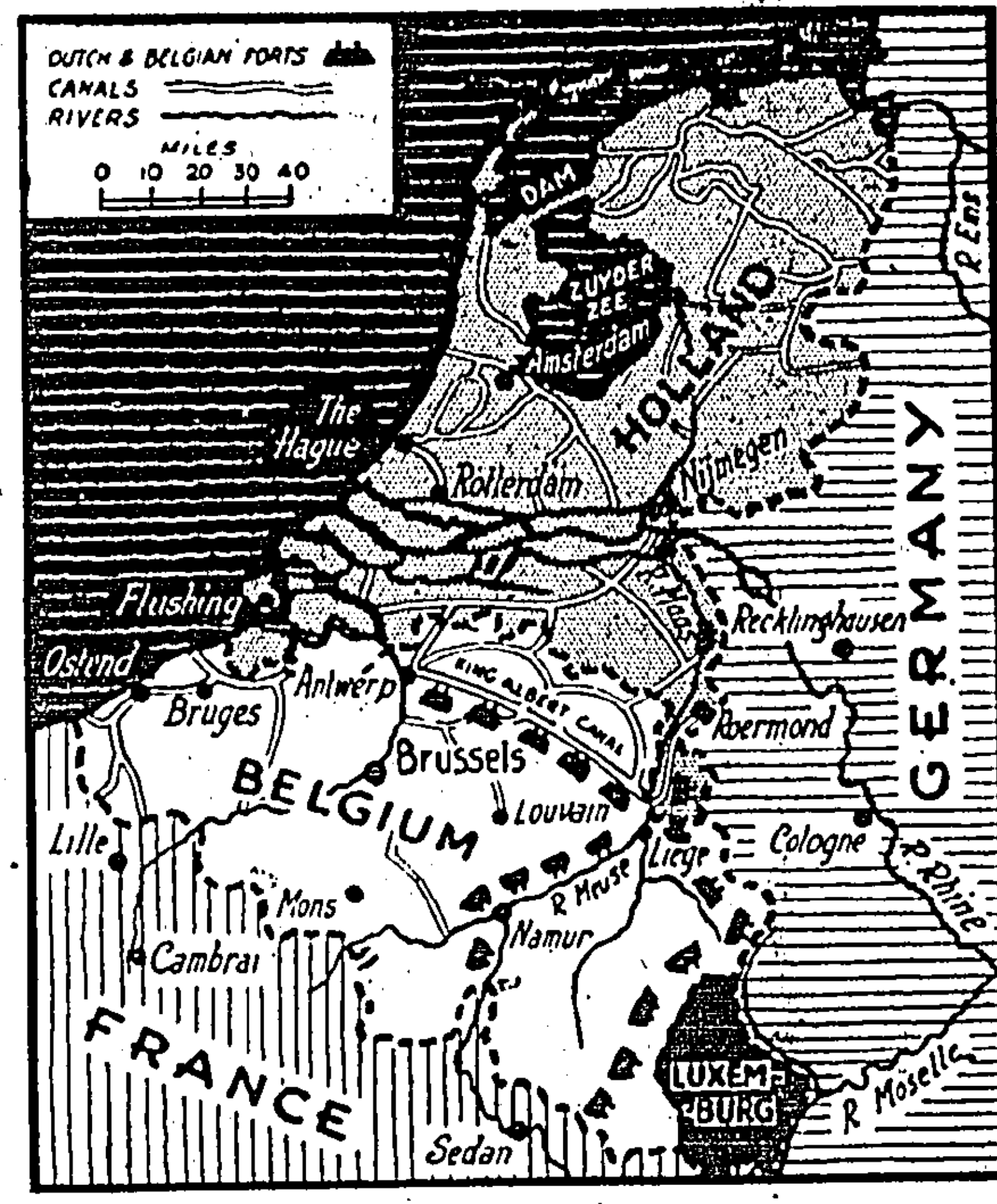
"Men, the hour for which you have awaited has come."

"Have courage, energy and confidence in this war to the death, which was launched by Germany."

"The attack which we have forced since last October has been launched."

"Germany is engaged in a war to the death with us."

"The password of France and her Allies is 'Courage, energy and confidence.'"  
**Allied Troops Hailed**  
Crowds of Belgian and Dutch civilians greeted the Allied troops  
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## DUTCH EAST INDIES IN A FERMENT

### U.S. Battle Fleet Said To Be On Way To Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies yesterday afternoon proclaimed martial law throughout the territory according to a "Domei" message received this morning.

All Germans over 16 years of age have been arrested. The message adds that extreme tension is evident throughout the islands.

A "Reuter" message from Singapore states that the Dutch authorities have seized 10 German ships which were sheltering in Dutch East Indies ports and which were reported to be preparing to make a dash for Vladivostok.

Their crews have been interned.

**U.S. Fleet Mystery**  
Another "Domei" message from San Francisco claims that the American battle fleet which was ordered to remain in Hawaiian waters last week has suddenly left for an unknown destination which is believed to be the Philippine Islands.

Meanwhile, states a "United Press" message from Washington, the U.S. navy is already standing immediate guard over the Dutch West Indies.

Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, was in conference with President Roosevelt to-day and subsequently denied that the battle fleet stationed at Honolulu was en route to Manila.

**Philippines Appeal For Firm Stand**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**MANILA, May 11 (UP).—**The German invasion of the Lowlands has focussed Philippine interest on the United States attitude towards the Far East.

"The time has come for the United States to take a stand and declare a firm policy regarding the Far East," says the "Manila Bulletin."

"The presence of the American flag makes American responsibility in the Philippines just as definite as on Pennsylvania Avenue."

**Must Not Repeat Blunder.**  
"If this responsibility is not recognized in an aggressive way the Philippines will be a lost cause."

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## Stalin's Move In Balkans

### Troops Massed On The Rumanian Frontier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**MOSCOW, May 11 (UP).—**The German Ambassador to Moscow held an important conference with the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, to-day.

The conference lasted two hours.

According to reliable information from Budapest, Stalin has taken certain action for the purpose of countering any German aggression in the Balkans.

Several divisions of Russian troops are said to have been sent to the Ukraine, where they are now massed on the Bessarabian (Rumanian) frontier.

**Stalin Assisted**  
The presence of a Yugo-Slavian delegation in Moscow is believed to have greatly facilitated Stalin's manoeuvres, which observers here believe has much to do with Italy's hesitation at entering the war on the side of Germany.

The net result of Germany's latest aggression in northern Europe appears to be to-night that Italy has lost considerable prestige and that Russia has improved her position.

"Domei" report claims that Russia is planning a military alliance with Turkey, Rumania, Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria.

## 4,000,000 SOLDIERS READY FOR WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOUR MILLION GERMAN AND ALLIED SOLDIERS ARE EXPECTED TO CLASH WITHIN 24 HOURS ON THE SOIL OF BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE THE GREATEST BATTLE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

REPORTS OF THE GERMAN LAND INVASION OF THE LOWLANDS ARE AT PRESENT MEAGRE.

It appears, however, that both Belgium and Holland have succeeded in temporarily holding up the Nazi advance, and if they can continue to do so for the next 24 hours the fate Belgium suffered in 1914 will possibly not be repeated.

### INVASION FAILS

There is every indication, says a "United Press" message from Amsterdam that the lightning German invasion, has, in fact, already failed, as has been claimed by both the Dutch and Belgian high commands.

The two commands in communiqués issued this morning assert that a million soldiers have successfully held the Nazi war machine at bay.

Strong Allied reinforcements are expected to arrive in western Belgium and Holland within a few hours. They are already crossing the two countries.

### Allied Air Ascendancy

It is estimated that over 1,000 German planes participated in the "blitzkrieg" raids on the Lowlands, but it is now asserted that British and French planes which already darken the skies of the two countries are in excess of this number.

While the Dutch and Belgian armies—about 500,000 troops in each—are battling valiantly along a 250 mile front of canals, rivers and floodlands, British and French motorised units, which are described as a formidable army, are rushing northwards.

Three-quarters of a million Belgians are already under arms, and Belgium has ordered general mobilisation for 4.30 a.m. to-day.

The situation in Belgium appears to be that nowhere have the Germans succeeded in entering Belgian territory to a depth of more than two miles.

### Attack Held Up

In Holland the high command claims that the attacks have been held up at every point, although the Germans claim in an official communiqué, to have crossed the southern tip of Holland's "appendix" and to have seized the town of Maastricht.

The Nazis also claim to have crossed the River Meuse at several points and to have occupied bridges on the Albert Canal in Belgium.

An official Dutch communiqué states that Delfzijl which was fiercely attacked by German mechanised units last night is still in Dutch hands.

An armoured train was destroyed as it was crossing the bridge at Venlo, which the Dutch blew up.

Additionally, the Dutch armies have blown up the bridges over the Meuse, the Meuse and the Yssel rivers.

In only one section of the town of Arnhem, which is nine miles from the front, the Nazis have succeeded in entering the town.  
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## BELGIUM BOMBED

### Brussels Several Times Visited

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
Aerial activity on an unprecedented scale continued over Belgium yesterday and early this morning.

Despite the fact that the United States Department of State had informed Germany, at the request of Belgium, that Brussels was an open town, heavy raids were launched on the Belgian capital throughout yesterday.

One bombing of the capital, says "Reuter", lasted ninety minutes. The damage, fortunately was slight, but a big factory in the suburb of Schaerbeek was set afire.

### Population Calm

Despite the Nazi raid the populace of Brussels is as calm as it was 25 years ago when the city faced invasion by the Germans.

The German news agency claims that the aerodromes at both Brussels and Antwerp were successfully bombed. But German claims to have occupied five Belgian aerodromes by means of parachute troops have been completely denied.

In districts where parachute troops succeeded in landing they are now being rapidly rounded up.

The Belgian air force is in the air continuously and numerous squadrons are being sent to the front.  
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## LATEST

### Parachute Troops Invade Zeeland

LONDON, May 11, (Reuter).—The Dutch radio has announced that German planes began dropping parachute troops on the island province of Zeeland on the west coast last night.

Later an air force station bulletin announced that parachutists were being dropped in southern Holland near the Belgian frontier.

"The German air force will answer back in like manner."

"Any further systematic enemy raids on German people will be returned by a five-fold number of German planes on British or French towns."

**Warning To Hitler**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The British Government proclaims that they reserve to themselves the right to take any action that they think appropriate in the event of bombing by the enemy of civilian population.  
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CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNS:  
SUCCEEDED BY WINSTON CHURCHILL

# Most hated man in Germany is Premier

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—Political events in England reached their climax to-day when, following the announcement that Germany had invaded the Lowland countries, Mr. Neville Chamberlain resigned the Premiership of England.

He is succeeded by Mr. Winston Churchill, the most hated man in Germany.

Mr. Churchill immediately invited the Ministers already holding portfolios to remain in office for the time being.

Earlier, it was reliably reported that Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Opposition Liberals, told Mr. Chamberlain that he would join the Government only if the Labour Party participated, and that he was included as a member of the War Cabinet.

## Official Statement

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—An official announcement made from No. 10, Downing Street states that Mr. Chamberlain resigned from his offices of Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury this evening.

Mr. Winston Churchill accepted His Majesty's invitation to fill the position.

The Prime Minister desires that all Ministers should remain at their posts and discharge their functions with full freedom and responsibilities while the necessary arrangements for the formation of the new Administration are made.

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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

## EX-PREMIER



MR. CHAMBERLIN

## Market Reactions WILD DAY FOR EXCHANGES

### Washington Freezes Lowlands Credits

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 10 (UP).—European currency markets went wild—and the stock-bourses weakened under the German invasion of the Lowlands.

The Amsterdam Bourse has been closed pending further notice and the Dutch Government has forbidden any foreign exchange transactions and restricted bank dealing.

The London stock exchange slumped with industrial leaders at new low levels.

The rubber market came to a standstill with prices nominally a halfpenny higher.

Tin stocks soared due to fears that Dutch supplies will be immobilised.

London exchange banks are opening on Monday despite the Whitsun Holiday.

The Paris Bourse sagged heavily but there was no panic. Dutch and Belgian shares were 10 per cent off.

Dutch gold stocks totalling 18,728,000 fine ounces valued at \$55,000,000 are believed to be all abroad with the exception of two or three million ounces secreted in Holland and which a fleet of planes could transport to England in a single day.

Credits Frozen

NEW YORK, May 10 (UP).—The United States Treasury to-day announced that President Roosevelt and Mr. Henry Morgenthau signed orders and decrees needed to freeze Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg credits here before 8 a.m. (EST)—before the market opened, thus banning any transfer.

It has also been learned that the Allies ordered 4,000 pursuit and interceptor and bombing planes here during the past month which makes a total of 7,000 planes ordered since January.

The Dutch Indies Trade Commission has been notified by The Hague that "The Dutch Indies are quiet. All necessary precautions have been taken and all enemy moves over the age of 10 have been intercepted. Enemy property including 10,000 tons of loaded shipping has been taken over. We attach the greatest importance to the continuation of normal business."

Sterling Slump

NEW YORK, May 10 (UP).—Sterling tumbled to \$3. even but rallied half way later.

## German Parachute Troops In Holland Trapped

# LIGHTNING VICTORY BY NAZI AIR INVASION IS FAILURE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE GERMAN attempt to repeat its lightning victory in Norway by employing parachute and airborne troops on a large scale has apparently failed in both Holland and Belgium.

It is officially announced in The Hague that most of the Nazi parachutists in Holland have been rounded-up and shot.

A German communiqué last night claimed that the German parachutists had succeeded in capturing The Hague, Holland's capital.

But this report is obviously incorrect, since "United Press" correspondents were still filing reports from the capital late this morning.

Parachutists Trapped

"Reuters" states that about 200 German parachutists actually succeeded in landing at the Hagoor airport.

They were clad in British uniforms and, as a result, are treated as spies when caught and summarily dealt with.

Other Nazi parachutists, dressed in Dutch uniforms, descended at Dordrecht and the Eindhoven Islands.

The situation on the Eindhoven is obscure, but a good augury is that German planes were still bombing the islands this morning.

Rotterdam Landings

A "United Press" message reports that a large number of German airborne troops have been landed at Rotterdam, where the Germans first destroyed the airport.

The Dutch forces are now holding the right bank of the river, which the Germans, who are employing rubber boats, have attempted unsuccessfully to cross.

The Germans are holding the left bank of the river.

Heavy fighting is stated to be in progress in Rotterdam itself, and the situation there, too, is obscure.

The Dutch defenders have barricaded all streets, using tram-cars, among other obstacles, for the purpose (states "Reuters").

In their aerial bombardment of The Hague, the Germans are apparently aiming at Parliament House and the Royal Palace, says "United Press."

Incendiary bombs set fire to a building adjoining Parliament.

A flash message from Rotterdam, received at 1 p.m. H.K.T., says that the city is echoing to heavy cannonading and machine-gun fire.

Civilians are fleeing from the city, which is in, in constant procession.

Insanably Bombed

The Hague has been bombed incessantly.

"I have spent most of my time," writes a "United Press" correspondent, "in going in and out of air raid shelters."

"Machine-gun fire is audible in the city, and occasional explosions of bombs are audible."

Following the abortive German attempt to land at Schiphol aerodrome (Amsterdam), a heavy military guard has now been thrown around the area.

During their raids, Heinkels dropped at least 30 heavy-explosive bombs on the airport, and the damage is believed to be very heavy.

It is stated without confirmation that Messerschmitts did succeed in landing at Schiphol, but it cannot be ascertained whether their action was voluntary or enforced.

At least two Dutch planes grounded on the aerodrome were fired and destroyed.

A Dutch Army communiqué claims that at least 70 German planes have been brought down during the operations over the Netherlands.

Several units of German parachute troops succeeded in landing in various parts of the country are attempting to maintain themselves against strong opposition. They are stated to be everywhere surrounded.

Dutch Proclamations

The following proclamations to the Dutch people have been issued by the Dutch High Command.

"Hollanders! Mistrust all radio announcements and handbills mentioning suspension of our resistance, of negotiations with the aggressor, or of aid from the German side against attack from the Allies' side. Never will the High Command or the Government enter into negotiations with the enemy."

"Although sounding credible and official, they were only despatched from the enemy. Believe only in broadcasters' voices which are known to you, stiffening you in your resistance against the enemy, and in handbills calling for struggle. Never will the High Command or the Government enter into negotiations with the enemy. All reports to the contrary are false and only serve to cause confusion."

Another communiqué says, "German planes have dropped pamphlets over several towns containing untrue information and hollow threats against the civil population."

"The High Command warns the Dutch people not to believe such utterances which are only designed to cause confusion."

"The Netherlands relies exclusively on the firmness with which the Dutch forces—induced and inspired by our Queen's deeds and words—defend our Dutch soil."

Royal Thanks

THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuters).—The Queen's satisfaction at the manner in which the troops are resisting the Germans is expressed in the order of the day issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

Fine Resistance

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuters).—The Dutch Minister, broadcasting, stated: "Our land and air forces have met the enemy and have brought down several enemy planes."

He added that the parachute landings had been rendered ineffective.

The carrying of gas masks was again necessary and the public should acquaint themselves with the position of shelters and first aid posts.

Householders were recommended to overhaul their domestic preparations against air attacks.

## FAR EAST POLICY

### No Chance, Mr. Butler Tells Deputation

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—Concern over certain recent manifestations of British policy in the Far East was expressed by Miss Fry when Mr. R. A. Butler received the China Campaign Committee's deputation at the Foreign Office to-day.

Mr. Butler affirmed that there had been no change in the Government's Far Eastern policy which will continue to be guided by the Nine Power Treaty.

No Recognition For Wang

He added that in the light of their obligations they would continue to recognise the Government at Chungking as China's National Government.

He said that the recognition of Wang Ching-wei or any other Government was not contemplated.

Regarding the Tientsin silver question, Mr. Butler said that negotiations are pending in consultation with the Chinese Government.

AIR LINERS GET AWAY SAFELY

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—It is believed that practically all the aircraft of the Sabena-Belgian Airlines are safe.

Six machines got away from the Brussels air port after the early morning raid and are now in England where they will remain.

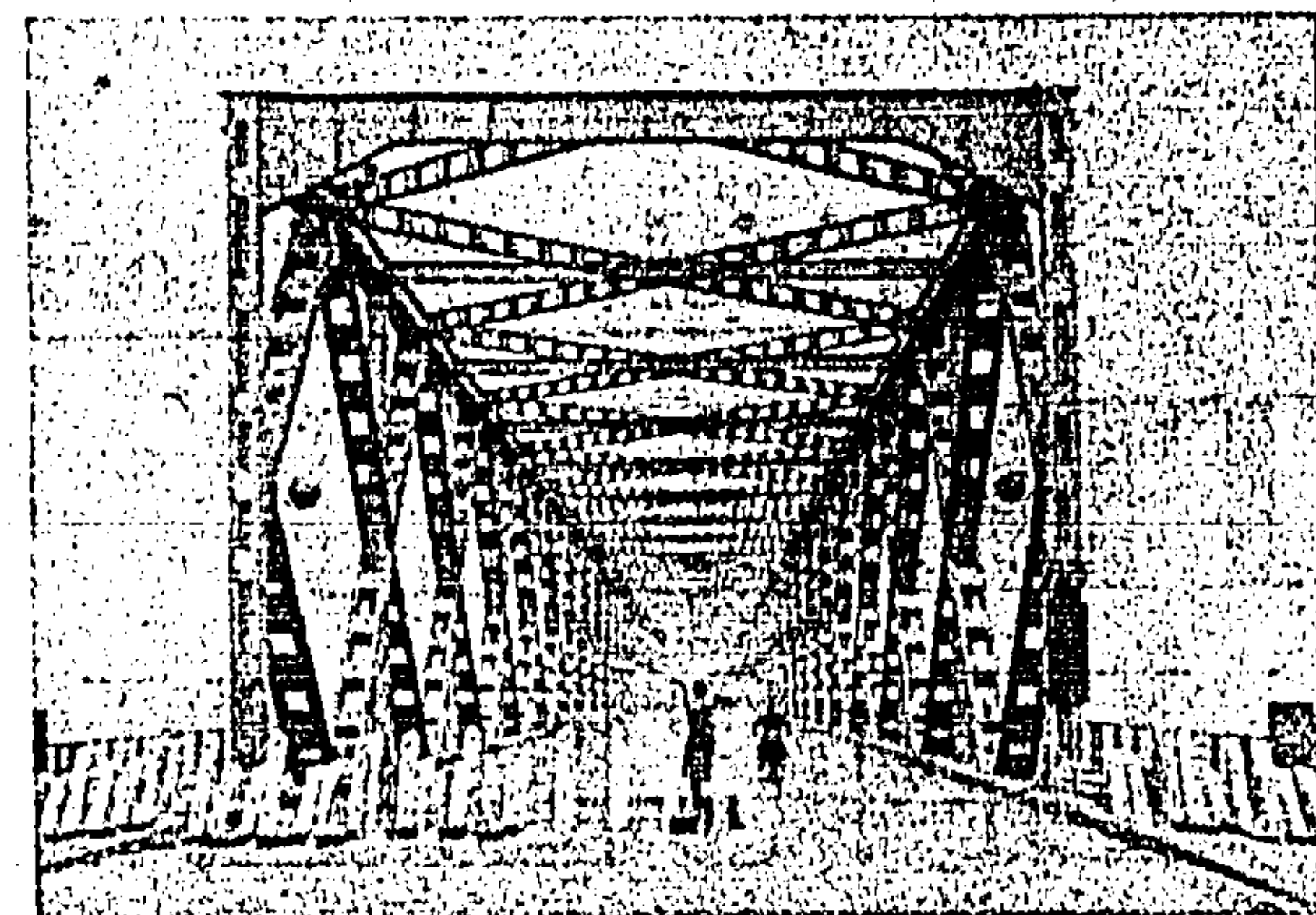
Two more machines may arrive later.

The Central African Lines, which operate from Marseilles and which carry a considerable number of British passengers, will carry on as usual for the present.

Air Ministry's Casualty List

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—Air Ministry Casualty communiqué No. 29 records that 33 were killed in action or otherwise, ten were wounded, 12 died and 37 are missing.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Crown Counsel, has been authorised to conduct Prize proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Prize.



The bridge over the Hollandsch Diep, mouth of the Rhine, which has been blown up by the Dutch. Note tank barriers.

## NAZIS PREPARE FOR WEST FRONT ACTION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GERMAN forces along the entire Western Front from Switzerland to the coast are prepared for the offensive that is now under way, says a German High Command communiqué, quoted by "Domei".

The European war, "Domei" adds in a message from Washington, has now jumped from the economic blockade to the decisive military stage.

Neutral observers in Washington and Berlin are of the opinion that the Germans will make use of any conquests they can make in the Lowlands for an aerial bombardment of Britain and, possibly, attempt an invasion.

Italy Enigma

Observers believe that Signor Mussolini is ready to throw aside the mask of "non-belligerency" at any moment, in order to promote Italy's interests in the Balkans.

It is believed by neutral observers in Berlin, says "Domei", that the United States may despatch its Battle Fleet to Australian and Dutch East Indies waters for "demonstration" purposes.

The opinion in Berlin, "Domei" adds, is that the United States will enter the war on the side of the Allies.

Hitler Drops Mask

PARIS, May 10 (Reuters).—Hitler has dropped his mask.

"Now it is France's turn to show the way with her troops and planes. Everyone is ready to do his duty."

"France has drawn her sword."

The French Premier last night.

R.A.F. IN ACTION

Constant Operations On West Front

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—The headquarters of the British Air Force in France announce that in the course of to-day's operations on the Western Front, the R.A.F. has been continually in action.

Our reconnaissance aircraft have been operating over a wide area.

Many Aerial Fights

Enemy troops have been attacked by our bomber squadrons. Wherever German bombers have been encountered, our fighter squadrons have engaged them.

Reports indicate that in the course of their combats, many enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

Several of our aerodromes have been bombed. Little material damage has been done and no lives have been lost.

Cunning Nazi Manoeuvre

Troops Landed In False Uniforms

LONDON, May 10 (Reuters).—The Home Office announces that in the last 24 hours many Germans have landed in Belgium and Holland by parachute from aircraft. In a number of cases they have been wearing uniforms entangled to deceive observers into thinking that they were friendly.

The public will be wondering how they can best assist the authorities if the enemy should attempt to land troops in this country by parachute.

The best way the ordinary citizen can help is by keeping watch and if he observes such an attempt, by reporting it immediately to the nearest police station which will communicate with the military authorities.

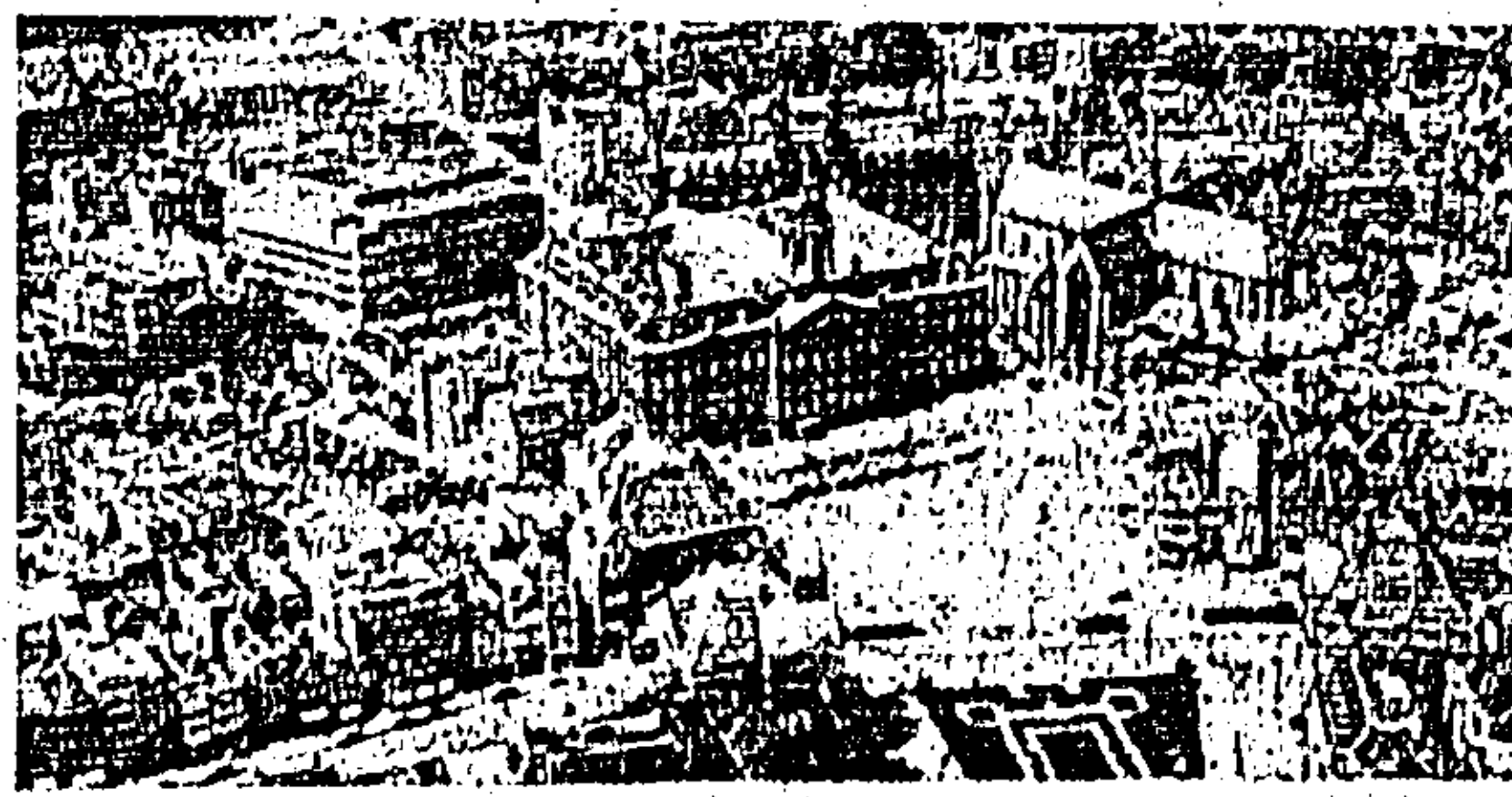
If any such attempts are made, they are most likely to be during the hours of the black-out.

Messrs. H. Lourensz, L. H. McCabe and C. Van Langenberg have been enrolled in the Key-Posta Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve. Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark has been enrolled in the General Group for Essential Services of the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss has been appointed to be Marshal of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in Prize, in addition to his other duties.

Mr. W. J. Anderson has been appointed to be an official Justice of the Peace. Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, J. O. Hughes, A. H. A. Penn and W. F. Simmons have been appointed to be unofficial Justices of the Peace.

Mr. R. J. Miniff has been appointed to be Administrative Assistant, Sanitary Department.



THE GREAT PALACE at Amsterdam has been the target of Nazi airmen during the last 24 hours. Here we see the Great Palace skirting the square which is known as The Dam. The high-peaked building is the New Church where Queen Wilhelmina was crowned in 1898.



# German Air "Blitzkrieg" Extending to Britain and France

## MANY FRENCH TOWNS BECOME TARGETS OF NAZI PILOTS: RAIDS ON PARIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE BLITZKRIEG INVASION OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, GERMANY HAS INTENSIFIED AERIAL OPERATIONS AGAINST BRITAIN AND FRANCE AND RAIDS ON THE TWO ALLIED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GENERAL DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS.**

Paris has been bombed for the first time, according to a "Domei" message, which quotes the American Ambassador to France, Mr. William C. Bullitt, in a report to Washington.

Mr. Bullitt's report adds that the Germans have again heavily bombed Dunkirk and Nancy.

Casualties in France are feared to be heavy, and a large number of civilians, including women and children, are dead or wounded.

"Reuter" confirms that numerous civilian casualties have resulted from the raids on France, particularly in the north and north-east, and in the Loiret and Champagne districts.

### Compensation For War Requisitions

#### New Powers Given To Governor

Further definition of the powers conferred on the Governor under the war emergency regulations are contained in a new issue of the Hongkong Government "Gazette."

A series of new regulations sets out in detail the obligations of the Governor in relation to property, land, ships, planes and vehicles requisitioned by the Governor under his emergency powers.

Where land or property has been requisitioned, compensation payable by the Governor will be computed by adding the following sums:

The rent which might reasonably have been otherwise expected; the cost of making good any damage done by the Governor; allowance for expenses reasonably incurred in complying with the requisition.

Under this section the taking over of accommodation in a ship or aircraft will be considered a requisition of property.

**Agricultural Land**  
Where agricultural land is involved further compensation will be paid to the amount which might reasonably have been expected in addition to rent. Agricultural land is defined by the regulations as any land used as arable, meadows or pasture, land, or areas used for poultry farms, market gardens, nursery grounds or orchards.

No compensation will be paid for any appreciation of value due to the emergency or to diminution of value attributable only to loss of pleasure or amenity.

Compensation for the requisition of ships, planes and vehicles will be computed on a similar basis. There are special compensations for maintenance work performed by the owner. In any case of total loss compensation will be paid to the value of the vessels, vehicle or aircraft immediately before the occurrence of the damage which led to the loss.

Total loss under the regulations is deemed to have the same meaning as it has in insurance law.

**Rights Defined**  
The regulations define the rights of charterers, lessees and other persons entitled to the use of vessels, or space in them.

In the case of requisitioned goods the Governor will pay only the sum which the owner might reasonably have been expected to have obtained by sale at that time. Where the owner or the manufacturer or producer compensation will be assessed as the production cost plus reasonable profit.

**Special Tribunals**  
Special tribunals will be set up to settle any claims arising out of disputed compensation.

The Shipping Claims Tribunal will consist of a president and two other members appointed by the Governor. The president and one other member will be members of the legal profession with special knowledge of commercial and admiralty law; the third a person appearing to the Governor to have special qualifications as an average adjuster or accountant.

A General Claims Tribunal of not less than three persons appointed by the Governor, one a judge of the Supreme Court, will hear disputes other than shipping. There may be several divisions of this tribunal but none will be of less than three members.

These tribunals will have power to make rules for the procedure of notifying, presenting and hearing claims and to order persons to attend and give evidence. They will also assess costs in matters brought before them.

Compensation under these regulations will carry interest from the date it accrues until payment at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. The regulations are deemed to have come into operation on August 24, 1939.

Material damage, says the report, was relatively small.

**Open Towns Bombed**  
Bombs were dropped not only on aerodromes, railway stations, workshops and mines, but also on purely civilian centres.

Among the cities and towns attacked were, Bellune, Choques, Lens, Dunkirk, Nancy, Hazebrouck, Calais, Abbeville, Doullens, Albert and Paris, says "Reuter."

At least thirty German planes have been brought down in various parts of France, says "United Press."

**Raiders Repulsed**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—It is learned authoritatively that quick and severe punishment met squadrons of German aircraft which today made their first attempt to bomb aerodromes and other objectives in the zone of the advanced air striking force of the R.A.F. in France.

The main attack occurred soon after dawn and its effective frustration was due to the smooth and rapid co-operation between the British and French air arms and ground defences.

No serious damage or casualties were reported from any R.A.F. aerodrome. Many bombs were dropped, but mainly of a small size.

**Big French "Bag"**  
During the various engagements, five Dorniers were shot down and another four so broken with machine-gun fire with the members of their crews killed or wounded that it is unlikely that they were able to return to their home stations.

French fighter patrols were also equally successful and claim that a total of six were "killed."

**Raiders In Flames**  
An attempt to bomb the Lyons airport was made by a lone German raider, which was brought down in flames without inflicting any damage.

At the garrison in Nancy, however, 16 were killed and about 30 injured. Most were civilians.

There was intense anti-aircraft fire in Paris, and there were some casualties in the capital from falling shrapnel.

Some damage was caused in Calais. As far as can be ascertained, the places bombed in northern France can be regarded as military objectives, says "Reuter."

Simultaneously with the raids on France, German planes have again appeared over England. Anti-aircraft fire has been particularly active over Essex and shrapnel fell in several streets.

There are no reports of any damage or casualties.

France has reserved the right to take "appropriate action" if civilians are bombed, says "Reuter."

A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs states: "The French Government, which in its reply of September 1, 1939, to President Roosevelt's appeal, gave an assurance that its air forces had received orders ruling out the bombing of civilians and limiting bombing to strictly military objectives, wishes publicly to announce that it reserves the right to resort to such action as it may consider appropriate in case of bombing by the adversary of the civilian population, whether in France, Britain or countries allied by France."

**BRITISH WAR CABINET MEETS**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Immediately after the invasion of the Low Countries it was learned in London that the War Cabinet was summoned to meet at 8 a.m. The Chiefs of the staffs of the three Services attended.

**Re-Assembles**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The War Cabinet and Chiefs of the staffs of the three Services reassembled at 11.30 a.m.

**U.S. Envoy Sees Count Ciano**  
ROME, May 10 (Reuter).—The United States Ambassador was summoned urgently to Chief Palace today and saw Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister.

No information is available regarding the subjects discussed.

### BLACK-OUT IN PEIPING

Start of Air Defence Exercises

PEIPING, May 10 (Reuter).—The entire city was blacked-out to-night on the first day of the three-day air defence exercises.

Special measures are being taken to control lights while certain measures are also taken to control traffic in connection with the soundings of air raid alarms.

Drill is also being held in towns along the various Japanese-controlled railways in North China.

**Anti-Gas Measures**  
To-morrow practice measures for combating gas attacks and incendiary bombs will be rehearsed together with first aid and drill.

Only official cars will be allowed to traverse the city streets to-morrow night.

The practice is being held under the supervision of the Commandant of the Japanese garrison in Peiping.

As the activities of the Chinese air force in North China are practically nil, the Japanese are having complete mastery of the air. The reason for the exercises is slightly obscure.

**Defence Reserve Assignments**  
The following persons have been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve:—

Messrs. W. A. Ahern, L. R. Andrews, W. H. Bailey, H. Barrett, C. Cairns, D. G. Cairns, V. H. W. Chittenden, B. H. Church, A. G. Clarke, W. H. E. Colledge, J. Davidson, J. Dickson, A. B. Didsbury, D. C. W. Fitches, H. G. Fuller, O. F. Hamilton, W. G. Hicks, W. R. Hillier, T. E. Jackson, J. Jolly, E. L. Jones, W. A. Jones, K. Keen, D. Kosick, W. O. Lambert, H. A. McKay, W. L. Morrison, A. J. R. Moss, A. G. Parker, H. V. Pearce, A. L. Powell, H. Roskruge, W. S. Smith, C. G. Solis, G. Swan, T. Talbot, R. A. Tregrove, H. G. Wallington, J. P. Whitefield, D. N. Willis, J. R. G. Wyatt.

**Oppositionists Arrested**  
BRUSSELS, May 10 (Reuter).—Leon Degrelle, leader of the Belgian Rexist (Fascist) Party and Decler, leader of the Flemish Nationalist Party, were arrested to-day.

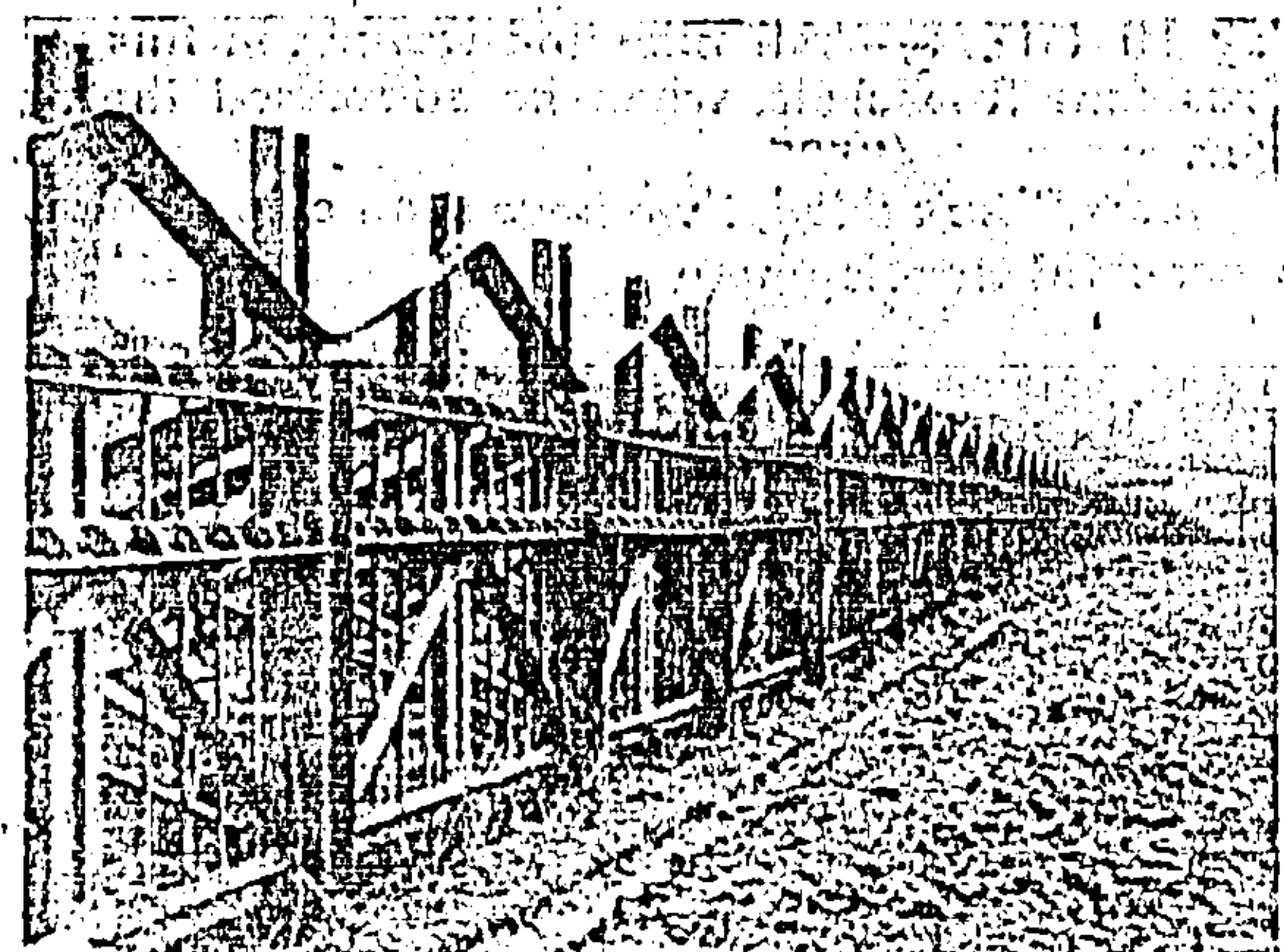
Two Flemish Nationalist Deputies, Tolenaere and Grammens, are also reported to have been arrested.

**War Risk Rates Doubled**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The underwriters have doubled the existing insurance rates of ships sailing to Belgium and Holland. For ships sailing through the Mediterranean or Black Sea the rate has been increased to 100 per cent. from 50 per cent.

**U.S. TO BUILD MORE PLANES**  
WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—Owing to what was considered as an impressive showing of air power in Norway, the United States Air Department intends to make a special grant of 500 new four-engine "Flying Fortresses" costing £200,000. This is announced in the "New York Times."

**LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).**—The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Professor Kohlt, the Norwegian Minister in London and the Military Attaché visited the Foreign Office for an hour this afternoon.

**Belgium's Sudetenland**—Here is a view of Liege, one of the largest towns in Belgium, which has also come under the fire of German air raiders.



CONFRONTING Germany on the Belgio-German border is this extraordinary steel fence, an unconventional contraption designed to stop troops and to open them to enfilade from the flanks. German territory can be seen on the right of the picture.

### ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE QUEEN WILHELMINA

NEW YORK, May 10 (Reuter).—An attempt by the German air force to capture Queen Wilhelmina early this morning was described by the Columbia Broadcasting Company's Amsterdam correspondent.

This correspondent stated that at least 16 large Junker aeroplanes landed at Valkenburg airport near the Queen's summer villa at Ruygenhoek, each carrying at least 20 soldiers armed with automatic rifles and machine guns.

Other would-be aerial kidnappers landed at Delft. The plan was to cut off The Hague only for a few hours from the remainder of the country and capture the Queen and Government.

**How Attempt Was Foiled**  
Describing how he encountered a pitched battle on the outskirts of Valkenburg, the correspondent says that hundreds of Dutch soldiers were sent out in high-powered cars and armed with automatic rifles and machine-guns, while snipers, using tracer bullets, set on fire a number of German planes.

It is believed that a number of would-be kidnappers were killed. The correspondent adds: "From what I saw, the Dutch mobile defence was effectively handling this new type of 'blitzkrieg'."

**Nazi Reverse In Norway**  
STOCKHOLM, May 10 (UP).—Military circles continue to report that Norwegian troops at Bjørnsmell have succeeded in driving off Germans while attempting to dynamite the railway line from Narvik to the Swedish frontier.

The reports indicate that the Norwegians are working to a close programme with the Allied pincer movement bearing down on Bjørnsmell from the north and south, intending completely to surround Narvik from the inside, and to cut off the Germans from the only possible line of retreat to Sweden.

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**Your Hour Has Arrived**  
"Since April 9 the German Army has also slipped this attempt in the bud. Now, what we have seen before us for many months as a threat to Germany has occurred. The British and French are attempting under cover of a gigantic feint to southern Europe to thrust into the Ruhr area through Holland and Belgium."

"Soldiers on the western front; with this your hour has now arrived."

**Dutch Resources For Allies**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Broadcasting from London to-night, Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said: "Our country has a vast empire overseas and considerable resources. These resources, we now put at the disposal of our common cause—destruction of the German spirit of wanton aggression. I can assure you that Holland will continue to fight until together we have won."

The Australian Cabinet will meet on Monday to discuss the distribution of the Commonwealth's home defence forces.

### Germany Closes Hungarian Frontier

## MOBILISATION BY SWITZERLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The German Government has suddenly, and without explanation, closed the German-Hungarian frontier, says "Domei."

A "Reuter" message from Stockholm states that the Swedish Cabinet held a very long session this morning. Switzerland has ordered General Mobilisation of all forces, says "United Press."

The Swiss Army is being massed on the German border. No German civilians are being permitted to enter Switzerland.

"Reuter" quotes from Berne a broadcast made by the President of Switzerland.

He called on the country to keep calm and warned the people that the situation was dangerous. The war, he said, had seized upon new and pitiful victims.

Three friendly countries had been dragged into the war.

**Safe For Present**  
Switzerland was at present still safe but he emphasised that the situation created by the invasion of the Lowlands was serious.

"We must be ready," he said. "The entry of foreigners into the country will be strictly controlled and the Swiss Army on the frontiers will be placed on a war footing on Saturday."

"You will understand and appreciate these precautions," he continued. "They are absolutely indispensable. The troops will do their duty whatever happens, the civilians will do theirs."

**Spain's Assurance**  
A "Reuter" message from Paris states that assurances have been received by the French Government that General Franco intends to remain neutral.

**Typical Nazi "Explanation"**  
Resistance Will Be Crushed With All Means

BERLIN, May 10 (UP).—The High Command, in special reports dated May 4, made the charge that Belgian fortifications since the world war had been directed exclusively against Germany, whereas the French frontier had been totally unfortified.

The Official News Agency states, firstly, that Germany did not overrate the protection of the neutrality of Holland and Belgium, secondly, that the German Government had sent a memorandum to Holland and Belgium giving "incontrovertible proof" that the Allies intended an immediate attack against the Reich.

Belgium and Holland, and, thirdly, that the German Government had sent a memorandum to Luxembourg to the same effect and stating that she was forced to take over protection of the Luxembourg.

The German memorandum to Belgium and Holland warned the Belgians and Dutch governments that any resistance would be "crushed with every means." The Belgian and Dutch Governments alone would bear the responsibility for the consequences and for the bloodshed which would then become unavoidable.

**German Version of Invasion**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—A German news agency statement says: "At dawn to-day the German air force started the attack in the west with strong units and landed numerous units on Dutch and Belgian aerodromes."

"The aerodromes and their surroundings fell into German hands in a short time."

"The aerodromes in east and central France were attacked by surprise by German bombers which destroyed the aerodromes and aeroplanes, and caused considerable fires."

"Aerodromes at Saldomer, Vitry Le Grand and Metz were destroyed."

"German air attacks were extended to Dutch and Belgian military objectives as the Belgian Government had called British and French troops into the country and the Dutch Government had declared a state of war between Holland and Germany."

**More Nazi Claims**  
LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—A German High Command communiqué announced this afternoon: "German troops crossed the Dutch, Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers at 5.30 a.m."

"Enemy resistance was broken everywhere energetically, often in close co-operation with the air force."

"A German U-boat sank a British submarine off Terschelling."

"A German speed-boat sank an enemy destroyer by torpedo action during operations in the North Sea."

### OFFICER GUILTY

Manslaughter Verdict Returned By Jury

Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 25, engineer officer of one of H.M. ships, was found guilty by a Jury yesterday of the manslaughter of Lam Shing-chi, a ricksha coolie, on April 4.

The Jury returned a majority verdict of 6-1. The case was tried before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions. Sentence was deferred until Tuesday.

It was alleged that a car, driven by Bruce, knocked down and killed Lam in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, about 2.30 a.m. on April 4.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders. Bruce was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. J. F. Lawrie (foreman), V. P. Santos, J. Mar, Chan Hung-ching, B. A. Young, Wong Shu-wa and J. W. Bundred.

**Ribbentrop Tripe**  
He "Explains" The Invasion

BERLIN, May 10 (UP).—The following is the text of a statement issued by the German Foreign Minister:—

"The gentlemen of England and France have now let the mask fall. After their thrust in Scandinavia failed the alarm in the Mediterranean came. This great camouflage manoeuvre was intended to disguise England's true aim: an attack on the German Ruhr area through Belgium and Holland."

This attack had long previously been secretly prepared with the knowledge of Belgium and Holland and is known to the Reich Government.

"The reports of the past few days of the transport of English troops towards the Dutch and Belgian harbours speak in plain language."

**"Indisputable Proof"**  
"Yesterday the Reich Government learned that England had advised Belgium and Holland of the immediately impending landing of English troops on Belgian and Dutch territory." This communication coincides with the indisputable proof in the hands of the Reich Government about the advances of the English and French armies towards the immediate attack on the Ruhr region.

"The Fuehrer has decided to take Belgium and Dutch neutrality under his protection against English and French aggression."

"It is all the same to the Reich Government whether this new act of criminal high-handedness which forced Germany into this war or whether the new act is one of desperation by the rulers of England and France seeking to save their Cabinets which are menaced by previous failures. The German army now will speak with the English and French in the only language these rulers appear to understand and finally settle with these rulers."

**Hitler Gives Away His Iron Mongery**

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Hitler, who is reported to be on the Western Front directing operations, has already started to distribute iron-mongery.

He presented iron crosses to two officers yesterday.



WEST FRONT  
WAR BEGINS

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with evident joy as they arrived, telling them of the progress of the fighting. They also offered the men bottles of beer.

## Thumbs Up

As they moved off, the men waved their thumbs to the French people, who turned up their thumbs to indicate that all was well with the British Army.

The suddenness of the German onslaught has certainly not caught the Army napping.

The arrival of the B.E.F. at the Belgian frontier was an impressive sight. Long columns of lorries, tanks, armoured cars, motor cars and motor cycles moved forward in a steady stream.

## Psychological Tonic

The men looked bronzed, fit and ready for anything. The call to action undoubtedly proved a psychological tonic to the troops who have been kept on the alert since the war began.

Under an almost cloudless blue sky, the British have gone quickly and efficiently to help their new ally. The Belgian civilians, in gratitude, lined the roadside, raised their hats and cheered while the women blew kisses to the passing soldiers.

## Most Encouraging

Lieut. General Delebecq, the Belgian Minister of National Defence, claimed the first big success for the Lowland army to-day when he showed how the Germans had been robbed of the surprise element in their attack.

"The way in which Allied intervention is being undertaken is most encouraging," he declared. "The Belgian Army, led by His Majesty the King, will fight to the end, and will show itself as worthy as the Army which held up our enemy in 1914."

The Chamber of Deputies, which the Minister was addressing, adjourned the historic session amid cries of "Long Live the King," says "Reuter."

BELGIUM  
BOMBED

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sons of German aircraft, despite their overwhelming superiority have been attacked.

Up to 6 p.m. yesterday 18 German machines had been brought down in Belgium, of which nine were victims of anti-aircraft fire.

## Continuous Attacks

The Nazi air attacks on Belgium were general, widely scattered areas being bombed. The number of casualties are believed to be low.

Chent has been visited throughout the day and anti-aircraft guns have scarcely stopped firing since the invasion commenced.

One of the buildings set alight by German incendiary bombs was the mental hospital at Mortsel.

Belgium has taken speedy action against pro-Nazis and some 2,000 "Quislings" have been arrested.

## Details Of Raids

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—More news is trickling in from the Lowlands about the air raids.

Antwerp has been attacked by 40 bombers. A military hospital has been destroyed.

In southern Belgium a railway station 25 miles south-east of Namur was bombed this morning. The station is said to be in flames.

There is little fresh news from Holland but Brussels reports state that the Dutch Air Force is putting up a stout resistance.

Every precaution is being taken in both countries to prevent sabotage from behind the defence lines.

An emergency meeting of the Canadian Cabinet is expected.

## Moving Address Delivered By President Roosevelt

## "I AM GLAD WE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SHOCKED AND ANGERED BY TRAGIC NEWS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 10 (UP).—"All men and women in this Congress come here to-night with heavy hearts," said President Roosevelt, when he addressed the Scientific Research Conference in Washington to-night.

"During the past few years," he added, "we have seen event follow event, every one of them a shock to our hopes for a peaceful development of modern civilisation."

"Now three more independent nations have been invaded by force of arms."

"In some human affairs, the minds of man grow accustomed to unusual acts if they are oft repeated. That is not so in regard to the happenings in the world to-day. I am proud it is not so."

"I am glad we American people are shocked and angered by the tragic news from Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg."

"An overwhelming, a greater part of the population of the world is absorbed in conquest, war and bloodshed, despite prayers that the hand of neighbour be not lifted against neighbour."

"The whole world has seen attack follow threat on so many occasions and in so many different parts of the world during the last few years that we have, reluctantly, come to the conclusion that the continuance of these processes of arms presents a definite challenge to the continuation of the type of civilisation to which all of us in the free Americas have become accustomed."

**Civilisation Of Construction**  
"We—and most people in the world—believe in a civilisation of construction and not of destruction."

"We call this civilisation by many synonymous terms—individual liberty, civil liberty or Democracy."

"We feel that we are building human progress by conquering disease, poverty and discomfort, by improving science and culture, and by removing, one by one, cruelty, crudity and barbarism of less civilised eras."

"In contrast, in other parts of the world, teachers and scholars are not permitted to search for truth lest the truth, when it is made known, might not suit the designs of their masters."

"Too often they are not allowed to teach truth as they see it, because truth might make men free."

**Objects Of Suspicion**  
"They become objects of suspicion if they speak openly, or if they show interest in the new truth. Their very tongues and minds are supposed to be mobilised for other ends."

"This has not happened in the New World and, God willing, it shall not happen in the New World."

"At the Pan-American conference at Buenos Aires and again at Lima, we discussed a dim and unpleasant possibility."

**Fear Becomes Fact**  
"We feared that other continents might become so involved in wars brought on by the school of destruction that the Americas might have to become guardian of western culture, protector of Christian civilisation."

"In those days it was merely fear. To-day, that fear has become a fact."

"The inheritance which we hope to share with every nation in the world is, for the moment, left largely in our keeping, and it is our compelling duty to guard and cherish it."

Japan And  
D.E.I.Cabinet Meets To  
Discuss Situation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 11 (UP).—The Japanese Cabinet met this afternoon to hear the Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita, report on the German invasion of the Lowlands.

Informed circles believe that the invasion of the Netherlands brings the war closer to Japan's doorstep and the Dutch East Indies.

It is felt, however, that the status quo will be maintained for the present.

The Governor General of the Dutch West Indies, has announced that the Indies, like the Motherland, is at war with Germany.

All German nationals in the West Indies have been detained and German ships sheltering in D.W.I. ports have been seized.

Correspondent  
For Norway"Reuter" Man Given  
Appointment

LONDON, May 11, (Reuter).—The British Expeditionary Force in Norway will soon have its first accredited war correspondent.

He is Major A. E. Watson, a member of "Reuter's" editorial staff in London, who has had considerable experience of warfare on the North-west frontier of India, and who has been lent by "Reuter" for the Norwegian campaign at the request of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, representing London newspapers and the Newspaper Society, representing provincial papers of the United Kingdom.

He will represent the British and world press until arrangements are completed for the general body of correspondents to report the campaign from the British side.

Major Watson will transmit dispatches under the signature, "Eye-Witness." These dispatches will be made available to all newspapers and agencies, British and foreign.

It will be recalled that the beginning of the war, another member of "Reuter's" staff similarly represented the world press for the reporting of activities of the British Army in France.

BELGIUM'S GOLD  
IS SAFE

WASHINGTON, May 11 (Reuter).—Belgium's gold reserves are either safe in the United States or in other neutral countries.

This revelation was made to-day by the former Belgian Premier, M. Georges Theunis, who is in Washington in charge of an Economic Mission.

"We moved our gold out of Belgium a year ago," M. Theunis said. "We know our neighbours."

G.O.C.'S WIFE  
LEAVING

Mrs. A. E. Grasset, wife of Major-General A. E. Grasset, is leaving for the United Kingdom in the near future and will be absent from the Colony for about three months.

DUTCH PLANE IS  
FORCED DOWN

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Dutch Ministers for the Colonies and Foreign Affairs were among the passengers aboard a large Dutch naval seaplane which came down on the sea off Brighton owing to a shortage of petrol.

Passengers, including an attaché from the British Embassy in Holland, were taken to Brighton Town Hall under a Police escort.

Because of a leakage in one of the floats caused by a shot while passing over Belgium, the pilot decided to land before reaching Shoreham.

The Ministers made the journey to London by train and will see Lord Halifax to-day.

Sergeant L. W. Tippet has been promoted to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hongkong, has resumed charge of the Consulate-General for Japan.

DUTCH INDIES  
IN A FERMENT

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blunder will be just as bad as in Europe where nations failed to marshal their forces for law and order which could have stopped the Nazi campaign of conquest.

The reported possible movements of the United States fleet—which have been denied by very high naval authorities here—have caused speculation as to whether the United States are preparing a very strong front in the Far East.

## No Change in Situation

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a Press conference to-day that he saw no change "with respect to the possibilities of the United States keeping out of the war."

## Intervention Declined

Further to yesterday's information to the Press the Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong now states that, according to telegraphic information received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs at The Hague, though the Royal Netherlands Legation in London, that whatever may be the fate of the Netherlands in Europe, the Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, as well as the Governors of Surinam (Netherlands Guiana) and Curacao (Netherlands West Indies) are not only entirely competent, but also unable to continue their administration in those parts of the Kingdom and to maintain interior and exterior public order.

Consequently any intervention of third powers is being declined by the Netherlands Government.

The Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao form, according to the Dutch constitution, as well as the Netherlands in Europe, separate parts of the Kingdom, so that the occupation of a larger or smaller area of one of those parts has no legal consequences affecting the other parts.

## Relations Prohibited

In the Netherlands Overseas Territories measures have been taken to prohibit the commercial and financial relations with the area occupied by Germany in the European Netherlands.

The Act concerning the Transfer of the Seats of Limited Liability Companies has come into force. The Legations and Consulates of the Netherlands, anywhere except in Germany, and also in the Netherlands territories occupied by that country, will continue to function normally, even in case the entire Kingdom in Europe would be occupied. The Governments of the Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao have now authority independently to issue instructions to Ministers and Consuls abroad, concerning matters pertaining to their territories.

## U.S. And The War

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff and the more important Cabinet members met President Roosevelt at the White House to-day.

It is believed that they discussed measures to ensure that America will not become involved in the European war.

Most of the Cabinet members arrived showing signs of a sleepless night.

## Watch on Far East

Little work is being done in Washington this morning. Crowds are gathering round every loud speaker to hear the latest war bulletins.

The officials are keeping a close watch on events in the Far East, especially with regard to the Netherlands Indies.

President Roosevelt is being praised in many quarters for his decision to retain the Fleet at Hawaii. He was directly responsible for this decision.

## Concern Over D.E.I.

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated that consultations would be held with South American Republics concerning the status of the Dutch possessions in the western atmosphere although the matter had not yet reached that stage.

Mr. Cordell Hull added that no effort had been made in the conference with the Netherlands Ambassador to reach any decisions with regard to the Dutch West Indies.

Important Rome  
Discussions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, May 11 (Domel).—General von Mackensen, the German Ambassador to Rome, held an important exchange of views with Signor Mussolini to-day.

ALLIES READY  
FOR EPIC FIGHT

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the frontier have the Germans used the Yssel river.

## Allies Advancing

PARIS, May 11, (Reuter).—French and British troops are now advancing on a 210-mile front to meet the German invaders in Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland.

The Allied forces, according to an official communique, have advanced into Belgium and Luxembourg.

The new front stretches from the River Moselle, south of Luxembourg, to the North Sea.

"Progress is continuing on Belgium territory," the communique adds.

## British In Amsterdam

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
AMSTERDAM, May 11 (Domel).—British troops have landed at Amsterdam.

They have been given an uproarious welcome by the inhabitants of the city.

The troops are immediately entraining for the front lines.

## Holland Inundated

The big part which inundation is playing in Holland's defence system is disclosed in a "Reuter" message from Amsterdam.

The main inundation aims at cutting off Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and other big centres from the east.

The invaders will have to fight their way through a series of subsidiary lines even before they reach the flooded territory.

Along the frontier, a system of local inundations and cleverly-placed defence posts will constitute the first obstacle.

## Fields Disappearing

The strongest post is just north of Nijmegen, which guards the approaches to the narrowest part of a semi-circular line which connects the Zuyder Zee with the mouth of the Meuse.

The intricate system of dykes and canals is being manipulated with extraordinary speed and the low-lying fields have disappeared below the rising tide of waters, leaving giant trees and isolated and deserted villages.

Many have disappeared and form booby traps. There is no cover.

The whole eastern fringe of the water line consists of higher ground so that it is impossible for the enemy to let the water out.

The line has been modernised with a comprehensive system of fortifications behind it.

Other defences consist of innocent looking huts which really are machine-gun nests.

## Checked At All Points

An order of the day issued by the Dutch high command states that, the German attack has been checked at all points.

"The spirit of the people is one of resolute calm."

There is no official estimate of the strength of the German forces invading the Lowlands, but it is believed in Berlin that 75 divisions totalling 1,500,000 are engaged in the operation, says "Domel."

The Dutch Parliament met in a short session yesterday afternoon.

## Dutch Parliament Sits

THE HAGUE, May 10 (Reuter).—Parliament met in a short session this afternoon.

The President of the Second Chamber declared that the Netherlands, which everywhere is known as a nation that promotes peace, is attacked by merciless violence.

"We protest against this atrocity. The Army and Navy will resist with fearless courage."

## Minister's Statement

WASHINGTON, May 10 (Reuter).—"By invading my country, Germany has outdone herself as a civilised nation," said the Dutch Minister in a statement to "Reuter" to-day.

"The people of America are intelligent enough to draw their own conclusions and will not be taken in by the usual German lies and their cowardly means of warfare," he concluded.

## Premier's Proclamation

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—The Dutch Prime Minister, M. De Greef, has issued the following proclamation to the nation:

"The Government asks the population to keep calm and remain indoors if possible and continue their usual occupations. The population are urged to obey all regulations laid down for observation in the event of air raids."

"The consumption of alcohol is forbidden temporarily."

"No information must be given to the enemy and no work done for him. The enemy has no right to compel you to do this."

"The population is no longer permitted to listen to German radio programmes. The Belgian, English and French programmes, including news bulletins, may, however, be listened to."

"The utmost economy must be observed in the use of gas and electricity. Public amusements are closed until further notice."

## German Claims

LONDON, May 10 (Reuter).—Units of the German Air Force were supported in advance of the army and were responsible for the occupation of one of the strongest Belgian forts, DNB claims.

## Circus Opening

The Grand Olympic Circus opens to-night opposite the Mongkok Fire Station. Included with the show is one of the best menageries ever to visit the Colony, and one of the outstanding performances reveals various wild animals put through their paces by a famous trainer. Special matinees will be given to-morrow and on Whit Monday at 3 p.m.

## LATE NEWS

NEWSPAPER  
COMMENTS

LONDON, May 11, (Reuter).—In the face of the opening of the oft-threatened German Blitzkrieg, the London press universally adopts a tone of confidence and even relief at the ending of the suspense, complete confidence in the new leadership of Mr. Winston Churchill and the enhanced unity of the British people, and deep sympathy for our new Allies and admiration for their courage and preparedness.

"The Times": "Some measure of tactical surprise was unavoidable, but every detail has been prepared by the Allies for our strategic reply."

"We welcome the grand alliance for the destruction of the forces of treachery and oppression. There is apparent among the English people an exultation at the thought that great issues are now marching rapidly to their climax. The fight will be fought out on very different issues to those which Hitler promised to his dupes."

"The Daily Telegraph": "The latest Nazi outrages have not taken us by surprise. On the contrary, the situation that has now arisen is welcome."

"The Daily Express": "Rejoice that the Allied avoided a dispersal of their forces. We can now see the snare that was set for us in Norway. We did not fall into Hitler's trap."

"The Daily Mail": "The Allies are no longer on the defensive in the military sense. We look to our leaders to strike and to strike hard."

"The Daily Herald": "Five countries which marched abreast in the pursuit of higher civilisation to-day fight side by side for the right to be civilised. It is a blessing that the British nation has had the opportunity before the conflict extended to express criticism of the deficiencies which previously impeded our war effort."

"The News Chronicle": "At no time in our history has there been a graver challenge to our existence. But never has there been a deeper resolve to meet the challenge."

HEARST FAVOURS  
ROOSEVELT

LONDON, May 11 (Reuter).—According to a Los Angeles message, the prediction that President Roosevelt will be nominated with acclamation for a third term as President and "very possibly elected", is made by Mr. William Hearst, one of the President's most influential enemies, writing in the Los Angeles "Examiner."

Mr. Hearst adds that Mr. Roosevelt's popular personality and political sagacity, and the course of events throughout the world would result in this.

However, he alleges that the President's re-election would mean autocracy in the place of democracy in the United States.

HEAVY RAID ON  
AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, MAY 11 (REUTER).—AMSTERDAM WAS BOMBED FOR 25 MINUTES EARLY THIS MORNING.

A LARGE NUMBER OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON THE CITY. THEY INCLUDED HEAVY CALIBRE PROJECTILES.



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**A communique to this effect in  
similar terms to the French state-  
ment was issued in the afternoon by  
the Foreign Office.**

**French Down 44 Planes**  
PARIS, May 11 (Reuter).—An  
official French communique states  
that 44 German planes were brought  
down over French territory yester-  
day.